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● Story Information

★ Shouko is a normal high school student but her mother is the famous actress, Hisako Sakurazawa. At the age of 20 she gave birth to Shouko, and being raised by a beautiful mom is something Shouko is very proud of. But, Shouko's everyday life is drastically changed when she meets her mom's lover, Ujou Amahara... from the day that Shouko wanted to steal Ujou, she steps into the world of forbidden love...

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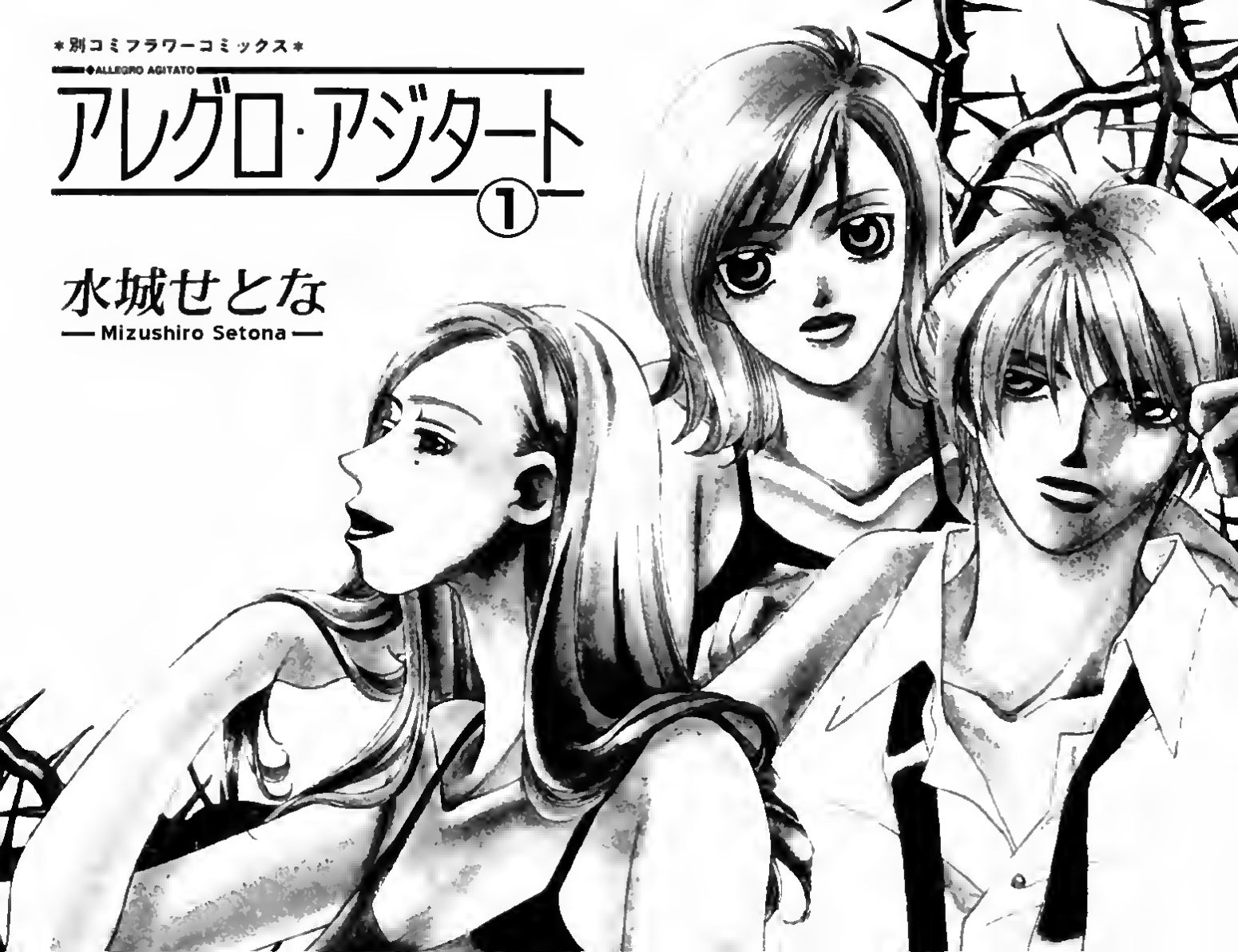
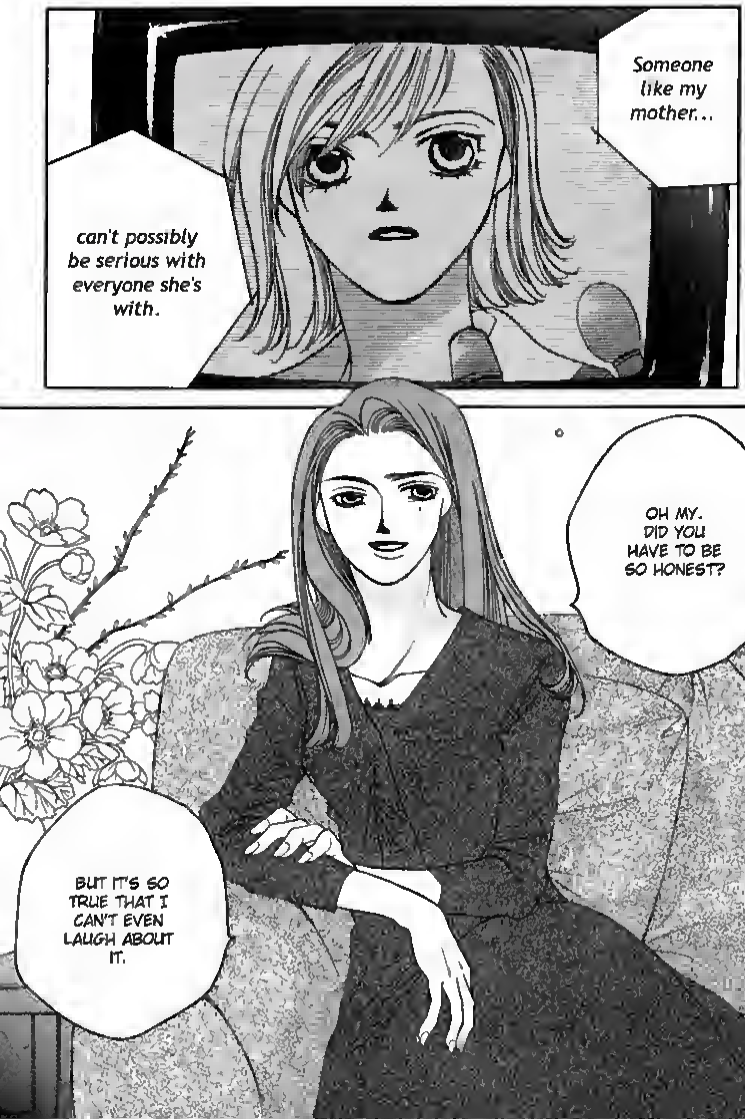


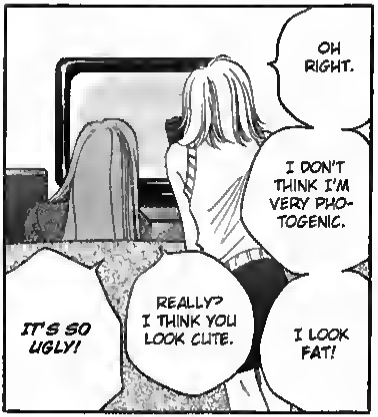
Hiroki asked me to go out with him today.
But I pretended he was kidding,
and laughed it off as a joke.

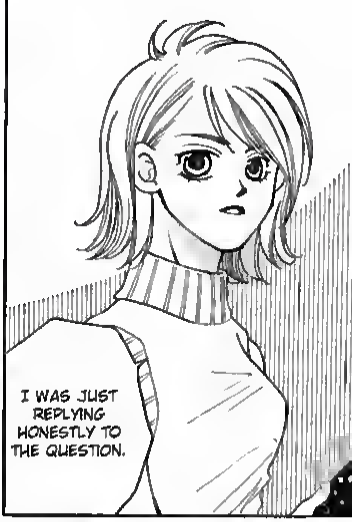
To be honest, I don't dislike Hiroki...
But to just say yes seems boring.
BEHIND ME IS THE HOME OF THE FAMOUS ACTRESS HISAKO SAKURA-ZAWA.
AND SHE HAS YET TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT RECENT RUMORS REGARDING HER ..

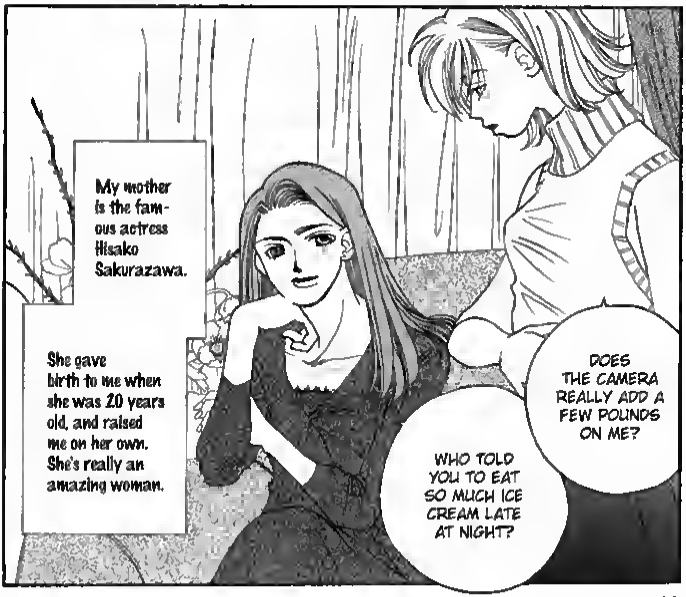
MOTHER
GOT INTO TROUBLE AGAIN.
EH...?
ISN'T THAT GIRL...
SORRY,
EXCUSE ME.
HISAKO SAKURAZAWA'S DAUGHTER.
SHOUKO SAKURAZAWA ...!?

SORRY, A QUES-TION!
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT...
THE RECENT RUMORS REGARDING YOUR MOTHER?
IS SHE CURRENTLY SEEING THE LEADING ACTOR FROM THE RUMORS?
YOUR MOTHER HAS BEEN RUMORED TO BE WITH OTHER MEN BEFORE...
DOES THAT MEAN THEY'VE BROKEN UP?
PLEASE MAKE A COMMENT!
SHE'S PROBABLY JUST PLAYING AROUND.
SOMEONE LIKE MY MOTHER ...
CAN'T POSSIBLY BE SERIOUS WITH EVERYONE SHE'S WITH.

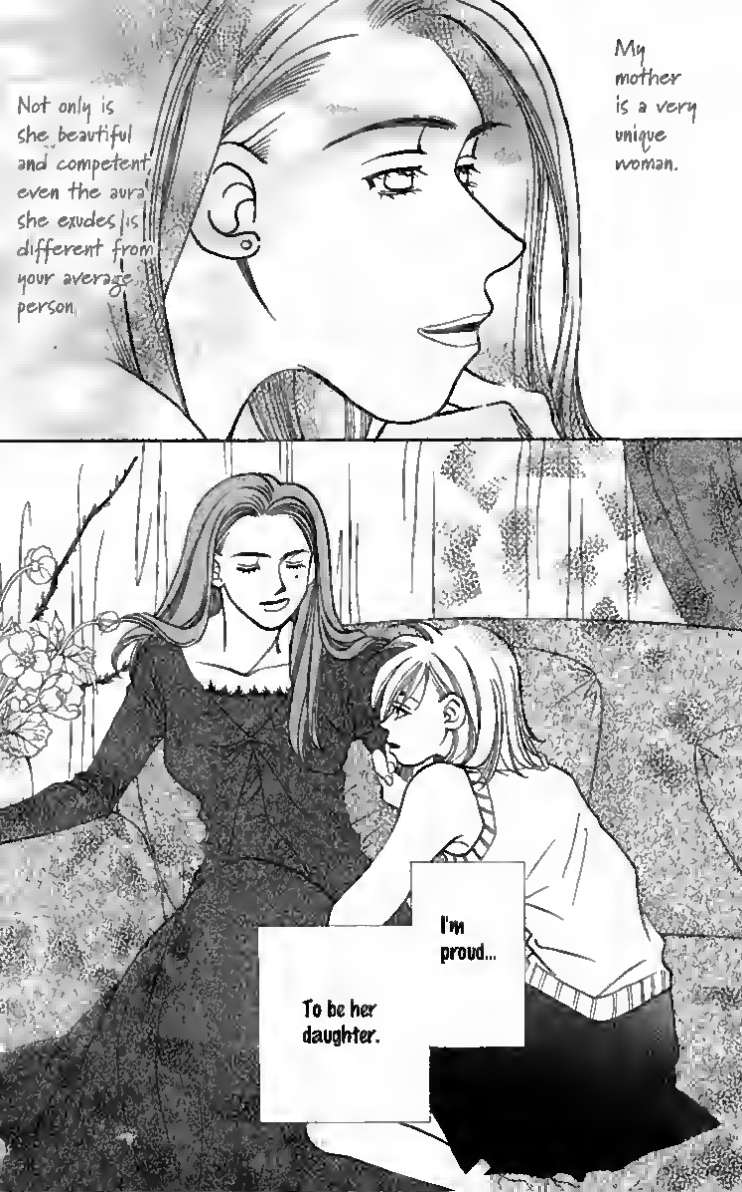

Someone like my mother...
can't possibly be serious with everyone she's with.
OH MY. DID YOU HAVE TO BE SO HONEST?
BUT IT'S SO TRUE THAT I CAN'T EVEN LAUGH ABOUT IT.


OH RIGHT.
I DON'T THINK I'M VERY PHOTOGENIC.
I LOOK FAT!
REALLY? I THINK YOU LOOK CUTE.
IT'S SO UGLY!


I WAS JUST REPLYING HONESTLY TO THE QUESTION.


My mother is the famous actress Hisako Sakurazawa.
She gave birth to me when she was 20 years old, and raised me on her own. She's really an amazing woman.
WHO TOLD YOU TO EAT SO MUCH ICE CREAM LATE AT NIGHT?
DOES THE CAMERA REALLY ADD A FEW POUNDS ON ME?

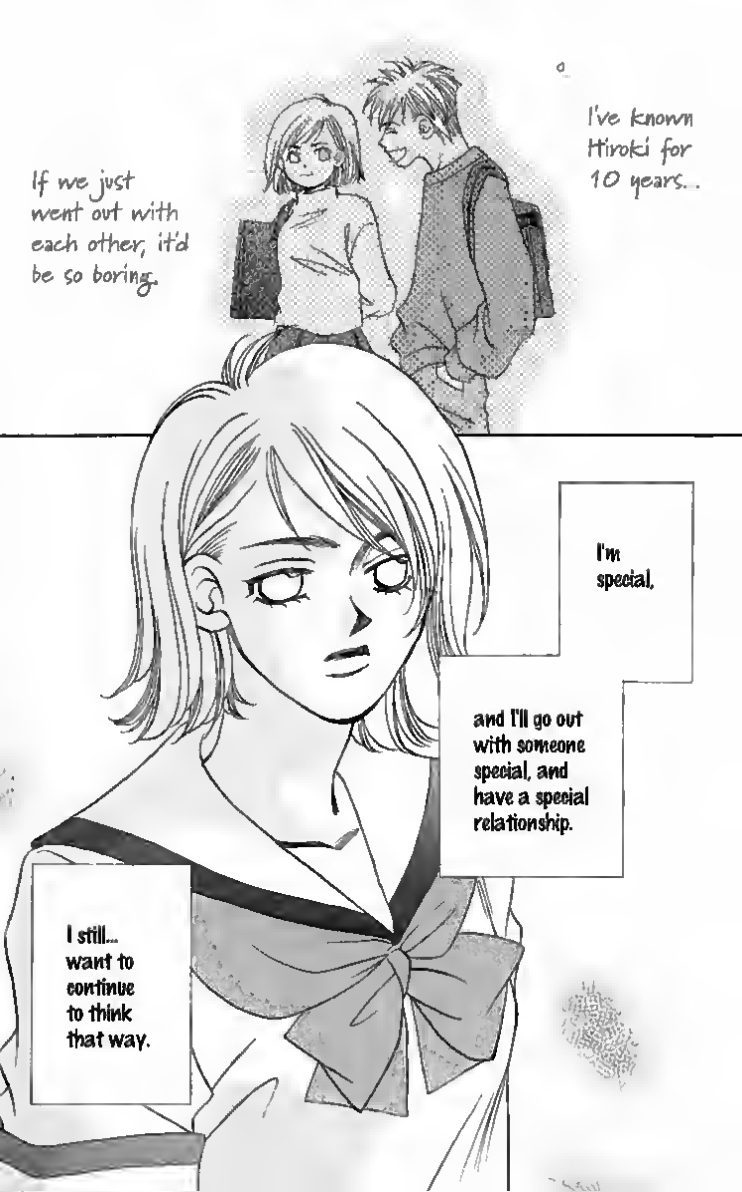
JUST BECAUSE THAT MAN TOLD THEM THAT WE WERE DATING.
BUT I THINK THE HARASSMENT WILL LAST FOR A WHILE THIS TIME.
MM...
OKAY, I GOT IT.
I THINK UNTIL THIS WHOLE THING BLOWS OVER, YOU SHOULD MOVE INTO THE APARTMENT FOR NOW.
SO...
HO, HO, HO...
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT HIM ARE YOU, MOM?
ISN'T THAT MAN 10 YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU?
OKAY.
THIS IS THE ADDRESS AND KEY FOR IT.
SHOUKO, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN THAT APARTMENT BEFORE, HAVE YOU?


My mother is a very unique woman.
Not only is she beautiful and competent, even the aura she exudes is different from your average person.
I'm proud...
To be her daughter.

SHOU-KOOO!
What circling...?
DON'T YOU THINK I LOOKED FAT ON CAMERA?
I SAW YOU ON ONE OF THOSE ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS YESTERDAY!
CONGRATS ON YOUR FIRST OUTTING.
NAH,
YOU LOOKED THE SAME AS USUAL.
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY I USUALLY LOOK FAT THEN?

YOUR MOM SURE HAS IT GOING ON.
IS SHE REALLY WITH THAT GUY?
MIU, EVEN YOU'RE ASKING TOO?
EH?
HIROKI.
OH, SHOUKO ...
UM...

I HAVE TO GO TO CLASS RIGHT NOW.
LET'S TALK NEXT TIME.
AH...
OKAY.
Hiroki...
Ever since he asked me to go out with him, he hasn't been himself around me...
I know he's trying really hard to act natural around me.


I've known Hiroki for 10 years...
If we just went out with each other, it'd be so boring.
I'm special,
and I'll go out with someone special, and have a special relationship.
I still... want to continue to think that way.

But...
What if this is...
the reality of love?

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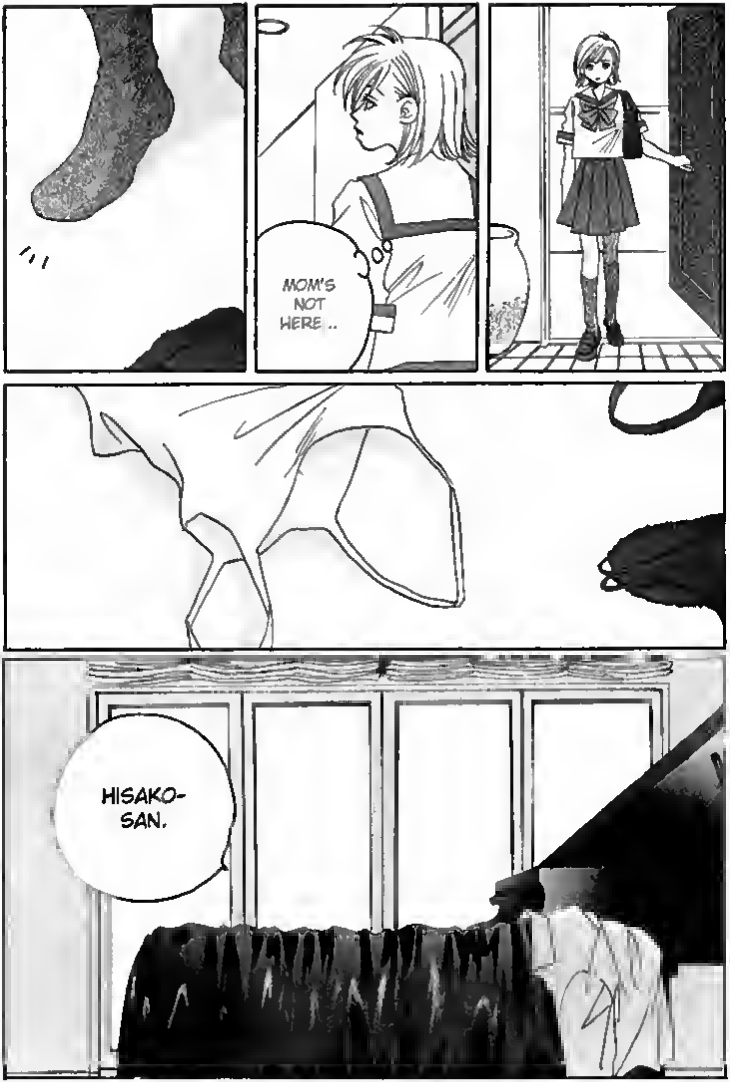
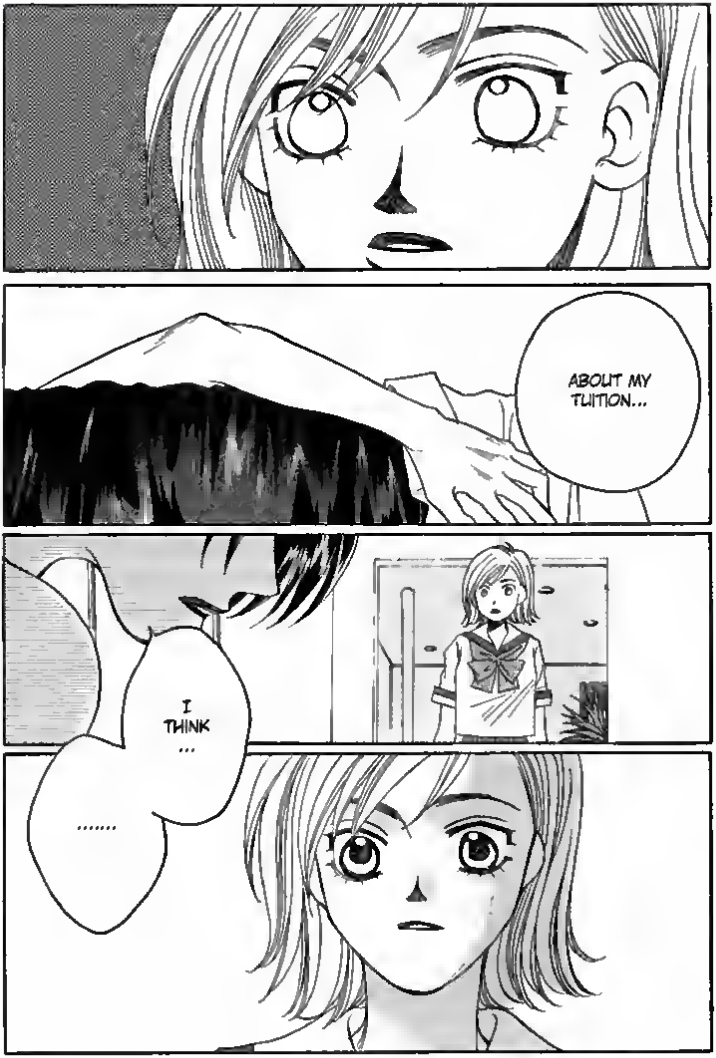

MOM'S NOT HERE..
HISAKO-SAN.


ABOUT MY TUITION...
I THINK ...
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WHO ARE YOU...?
WHO AM I...?
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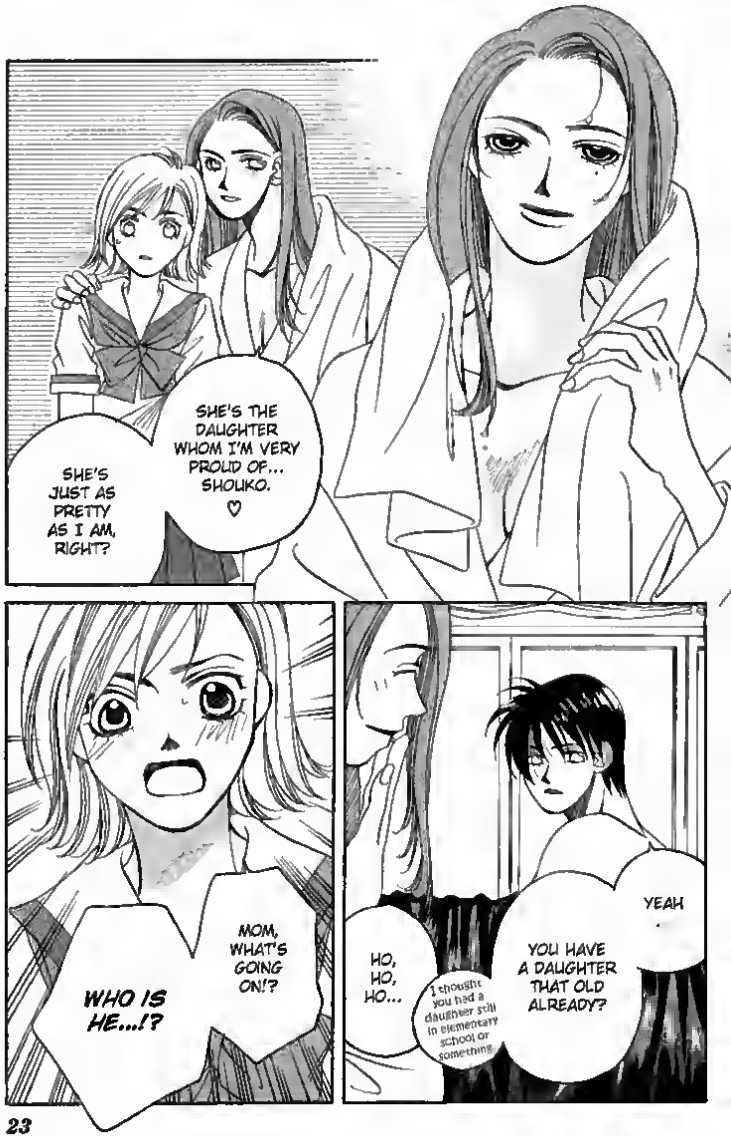
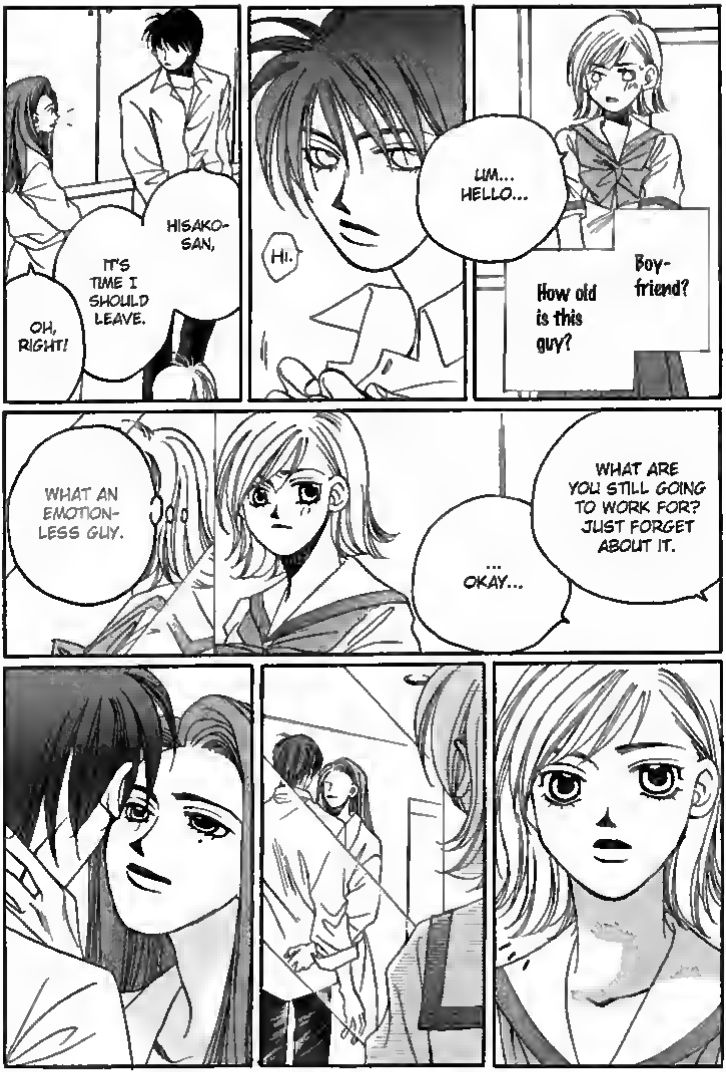
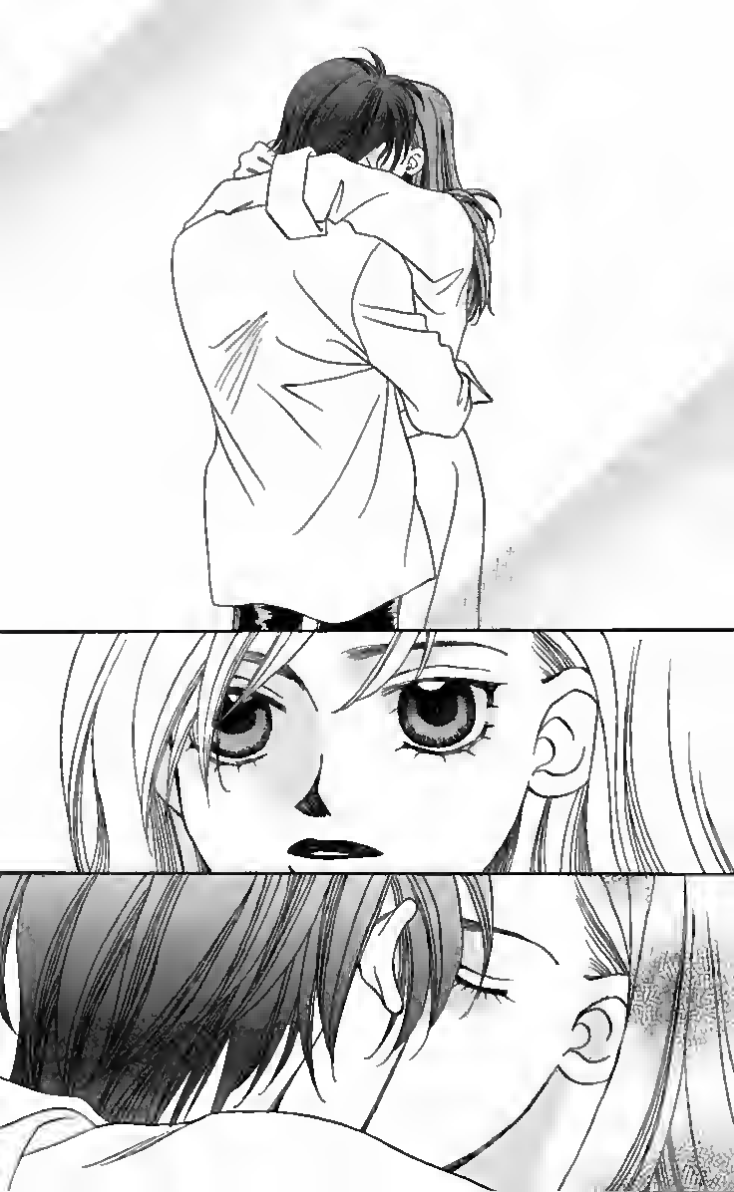
AH, SHOUKO!
YOU'RE HERE?


SHE'S THE DAUGHTER WHOM I'M VERY PROUD OF... SHOUKO. ♡
SHE'S JUST AS PRETTY AS I AM, RIGHT?
YEAH
YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER THAT OLD ALREADY?
I thought you had a daughter still in elementary school or something
HO, HO, HO...
MOM, WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHO IS HE...!?

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU...
THIS IS UJOU AMAHARA,
AND HE'S MY BOY-FRIEND.


HISAKO-SAN,
IT'S TIME I SHOULD LEAVE.
OH, RIGHT!
Hi.
UM... HELLO...
Boy-friend?
How old is this guy?
WHAT AN EMOTION-LESS GUY.
...OKAY...
WHAT ARE YOU STILL GOING TO WORK FOR? JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.



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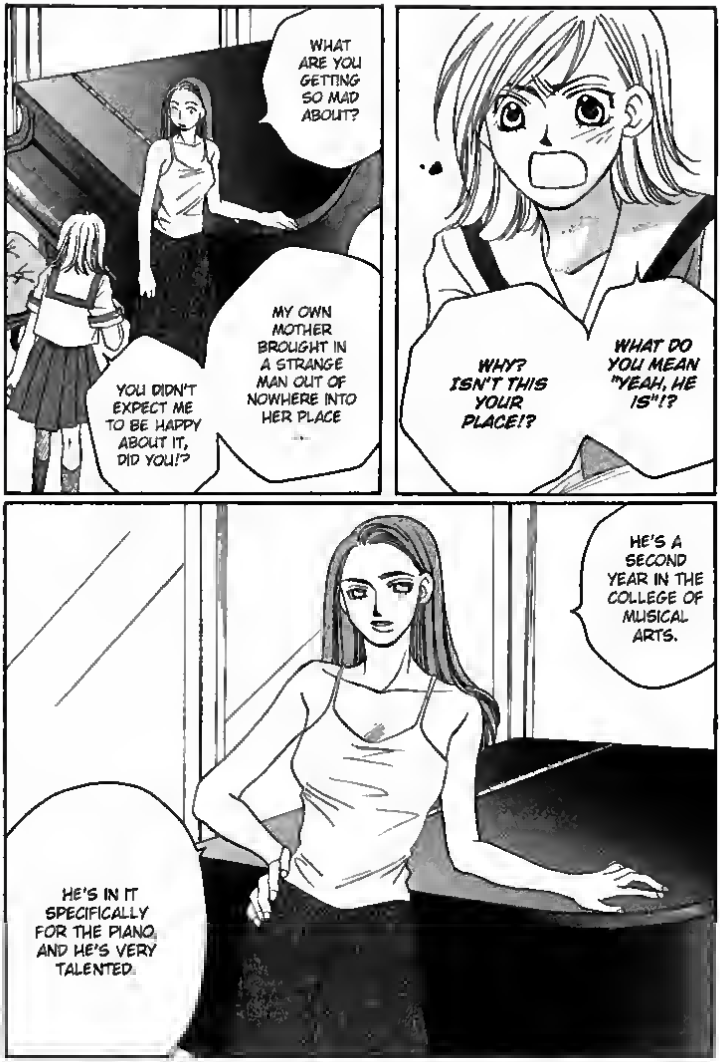
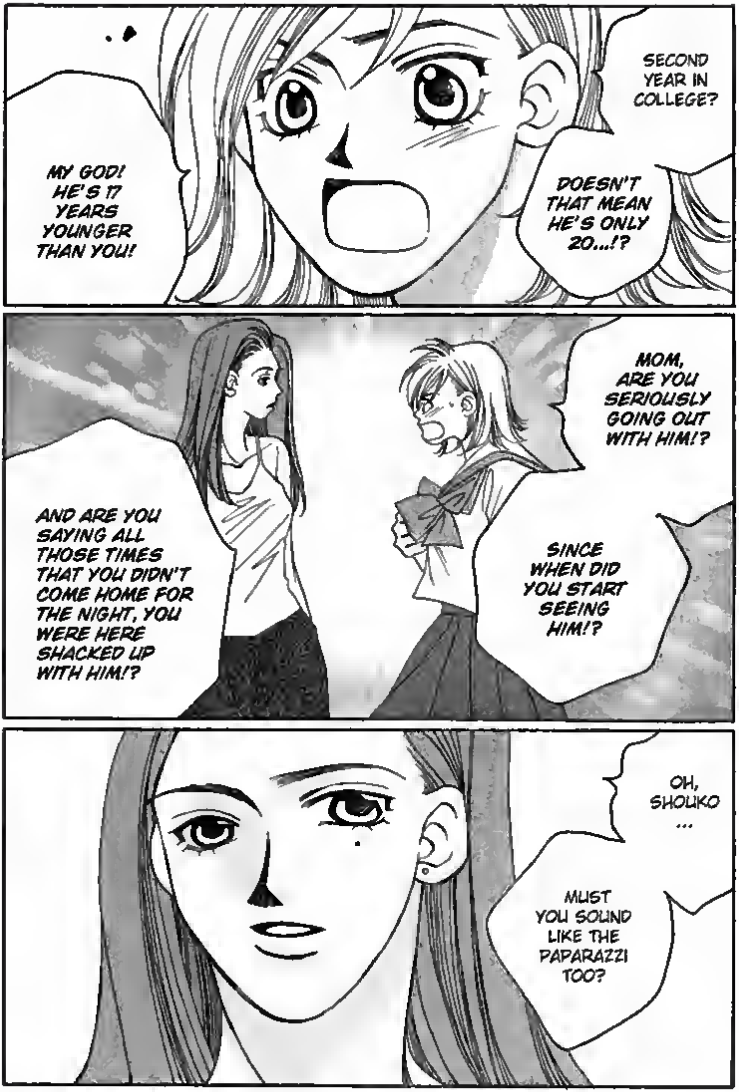
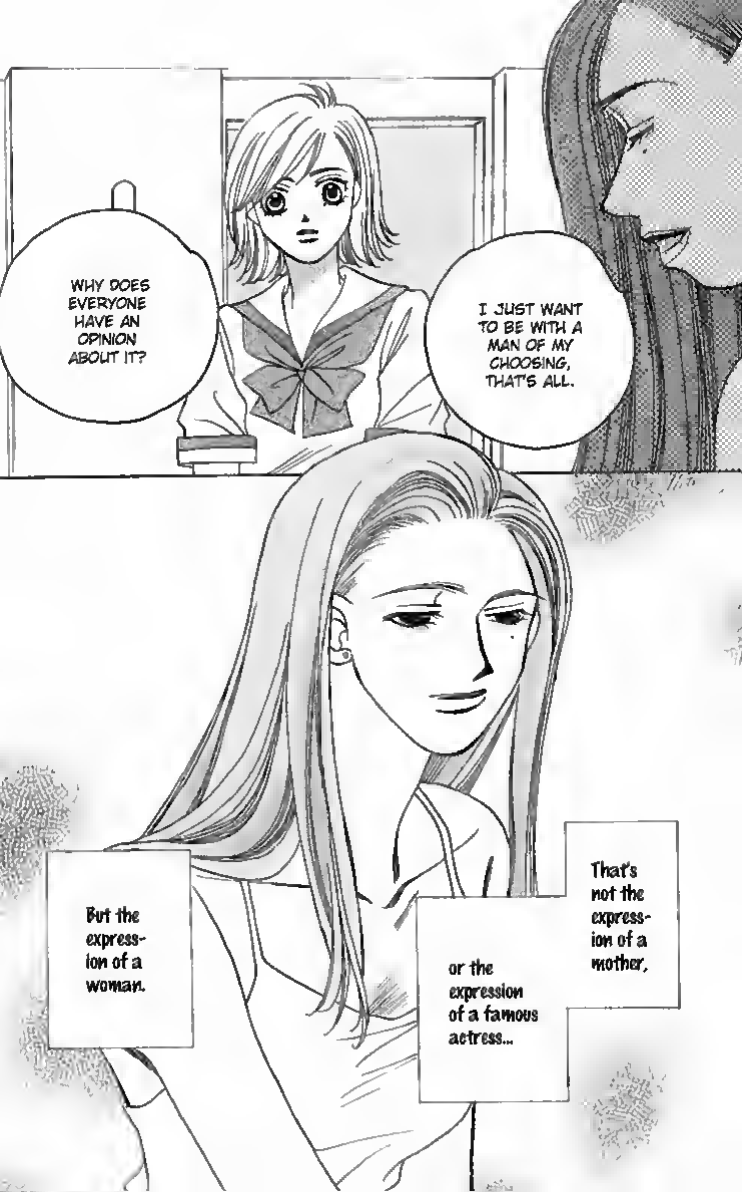
Men's toiletries
Men's clothing.
MOM... THAT GUY...
ISN'T LIVING HERE, IS HE?
YEAH, HE IS.


WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO MAD ABOUT?
MY OWN MOTHER BROUGHT IN A STRANGE MAN OUT OF NOWHERE INTO HER PLACE
YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT, DID YOU!?
WHY? ISN'T THIS YOUR PLACE!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "YEAH, HE IS"!?
HE'S A SECOND YEAR IN THE COLLEGE OF MUSICAL ARTS.
HE'S IN IT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PIANO, AND HE'S VERY TALENTED.


SECOND YEAR IN COLLEGE?
DOESN'T THAT MEAN HE'S ONLY 20...!?
MY GOD! HE'S 17 YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU!
MOM, ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING OUT WITH HIM!?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU START SEEING HIM!?
AND ARE YOU SAYING ALL THOSE TIMES THAT YOU DIDN'T COME HOME FOR THE NIGHT, YOU WERE HERE SHACKED UP WITH HIM!?
OH, SHOUKO ...
MUST YOU SOUND LIKE THE PAPARAZZI TOO?


WHY DOES EVERYONE HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT IT?
I JUST WANT TO BE WITH A MAN OF MY CHOOSING, THAT'S ALL.
But the expression of a woman.
That's not the expression of a mother,
or the expression of a famous actress...

WAS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
OH, ABOUT THAT...
I THINK YOUR MOM IS PRETTY COOL...
TO DATE A COLLEGE STUDENT.
I STILL HATE IT!
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE ...
WE MET UNDER THOSE CIRCUM-STANCES
I ONLY FOUND OUT IT WAS THEIR *LOVE NEST* WHEN I GOT THERE!
I FEEL SO CON-FUSED... AND AWFUL.

BUT SHOUKO,
DOESN'T THIS MEAN THAT YOU, YOUR MOM, AND HIM HAVE TO LIVE TOGETHER IN THAT APARTMENT NOW?
YEAH,
FOR ABOUT A WEEK OR SO.
ISN'T THAT GOING TO BE AWKWARD?
WATCHING YOUR MOM AND HIM GET ALL LOVEY-DOVEY.
NO KIDDING!
AND THAT GUY IS SUPER COLD TOO!
THIS SUCKS.
I HATE THAT GUY.

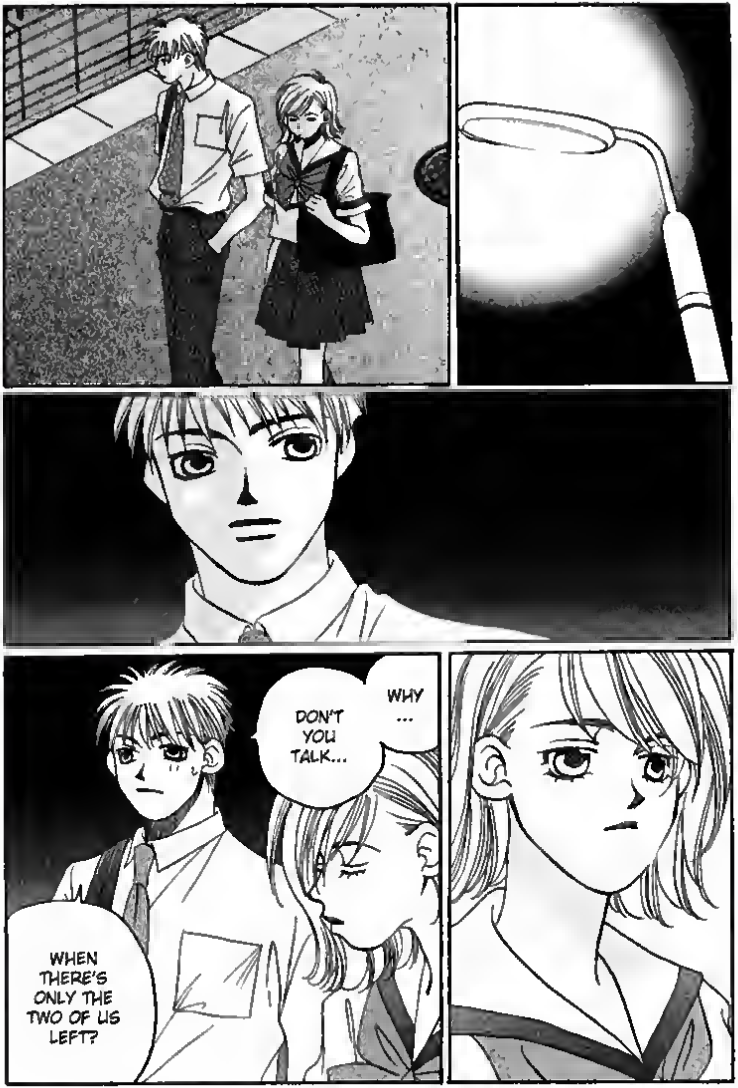
ALTHOUGH THIS JUICY LITTLE TIDBIT CAN DEFINITELY BE SOLD TO WOMEN'S MAGAZINES.
"HISAKO SAKURAZAWA SECRETLY LIVING WITH A MAN 17 YEARS YOUNGER THAN HER!" NICE HEADLINE, RIGHT?
NICE HEADLINE, MY ASS.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S MY MOM'S BOYFRIEND,
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WAS SHAMELESS ENOUGH TO MOVE INTO A WOMAN'S APARTMENT. I'M PRETTY SURE HE'S NO GENTLEMAN EITHER.
UGH, FORGET IT!
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT APARTMENT!
YOU WANT TO STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER AND ORDER SOMETHING ELSE THEN?
I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM FIRST.
JUST ORDER WHATEVER YOU GUYS WANT.
WAIT, I'M COMING TOO!
Okay, okay

SHOUKO ...
HMM?
pour
WHAT HAPPENED... BETWEEN YOU AND HIROKI?
YEAH, HE DID, BUT...
DID HE ASK YOU TO GO OUT WITH HIM?
WHAT HAPPENED?
NOTHING.

YOU CAN'T GO OUT WITH HIM...!
WHY?
NO MEANS NO.
YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T GO OUT WITH HIM
REMAINING FRIENDS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...

YOU'RE RIGHT HE'S NOT BAD AT ALL...
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, HE'S STILL A "MAN."
I WON'T GO OUT WITH HIM.
BUT I DON'T THINK HIROKI IS A BAD GUY...
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY WOMEN MUST SUFFER...
AS LONG AS MEN EXIST?
"MEN" ARE BORN...
TO CREATE PAIN IN WOMEN.
THEY'RE JUST LIKE MAGGOTS, INFESTING WOMEN, AND THEN LEAVING THEM RUINED...!

I WILL ALWAYS...
PROTECT YOU...
SHOUKO,
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HURT LIKE THAT..


WHY ...
DON'T YOU TALK...
WHEN THERE'S ONLY THE TWO OF US LEFT?

I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT ...
WHY DO I HAVE TO TALK?
NO REASON ...
LAST TIME...
I ASKED YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME...
SO DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?
"THINK ABOUT IT?"
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Not again...

IF YOU DISLIKE ME, IT'S OKAY...
YOU CAN SAY IT.
DISLIKE ...
I DON'T REALLY DISLIKE YOU...
THEN YOU'RE WILLING TO GO OUT WITH ME?
AND YOU THINK THIS IS EASY FOR ME?
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT?
IT'S REALLY HARD FOR ME WHEN YOU SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO ME...

I'VE LIKED YOU...
FOR A LONG TIME.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR ME FROM BEFORE,
NOW ISN'T TOO LATE TO START...
AS LONG AS YOU'LL LIKE ME IN THE FUTURE ...
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...
BUT...
To like someone...
Can I have feelings for someone...
if I simply will myself to...?

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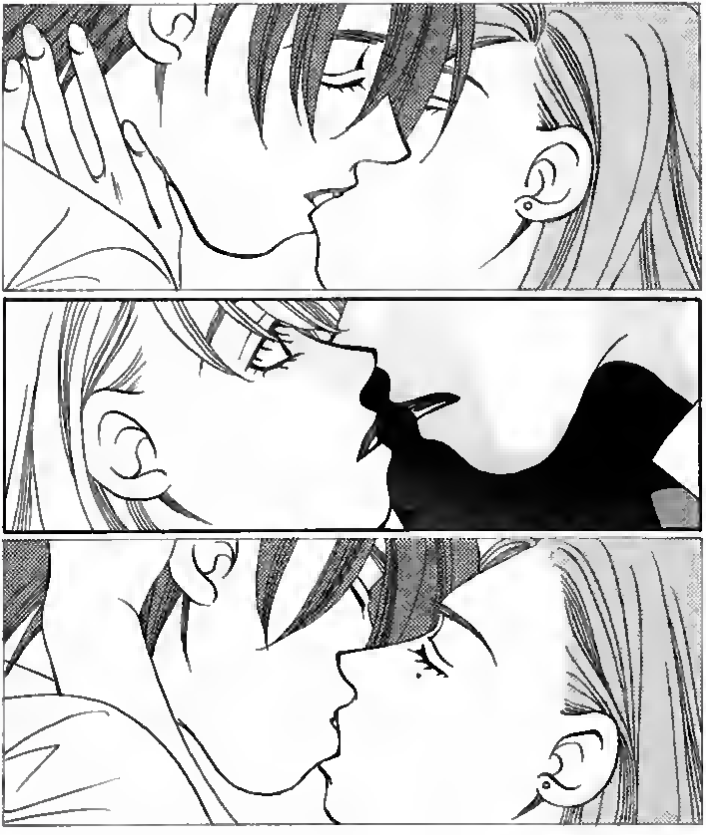
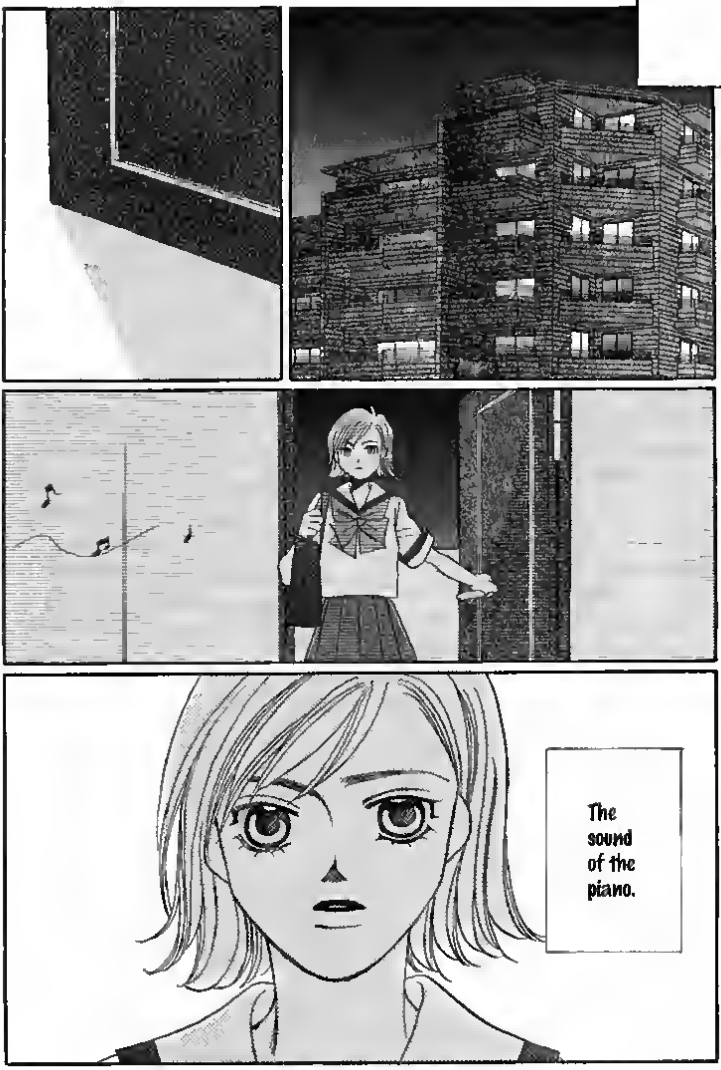
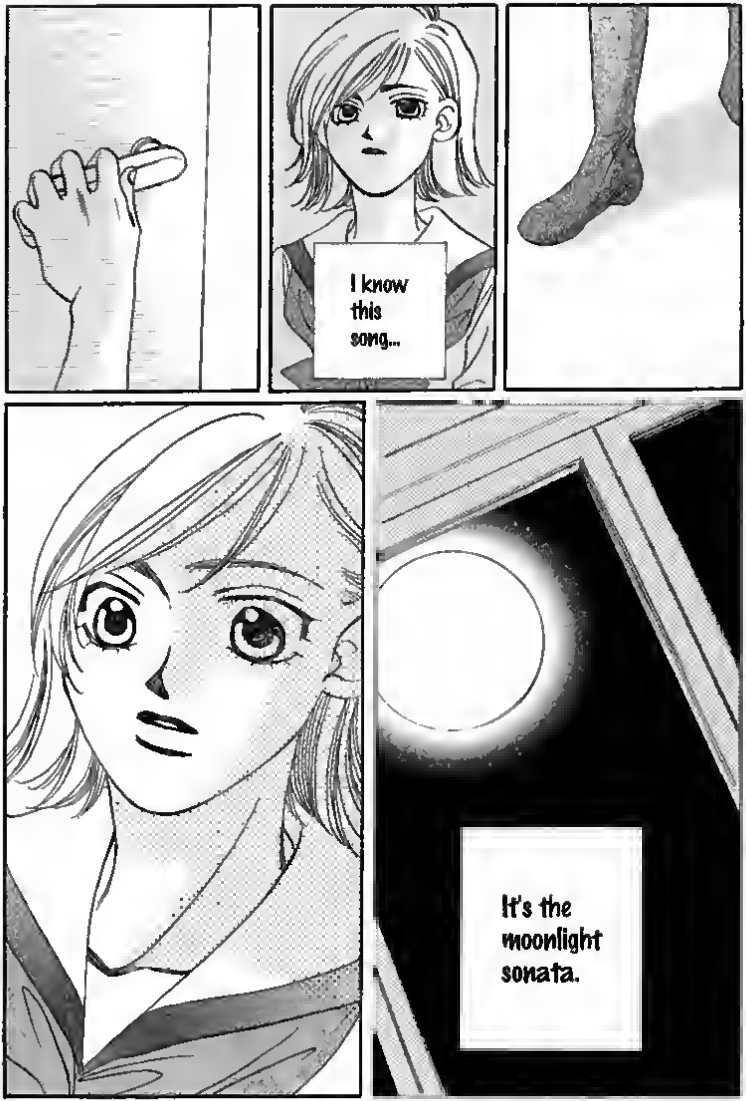


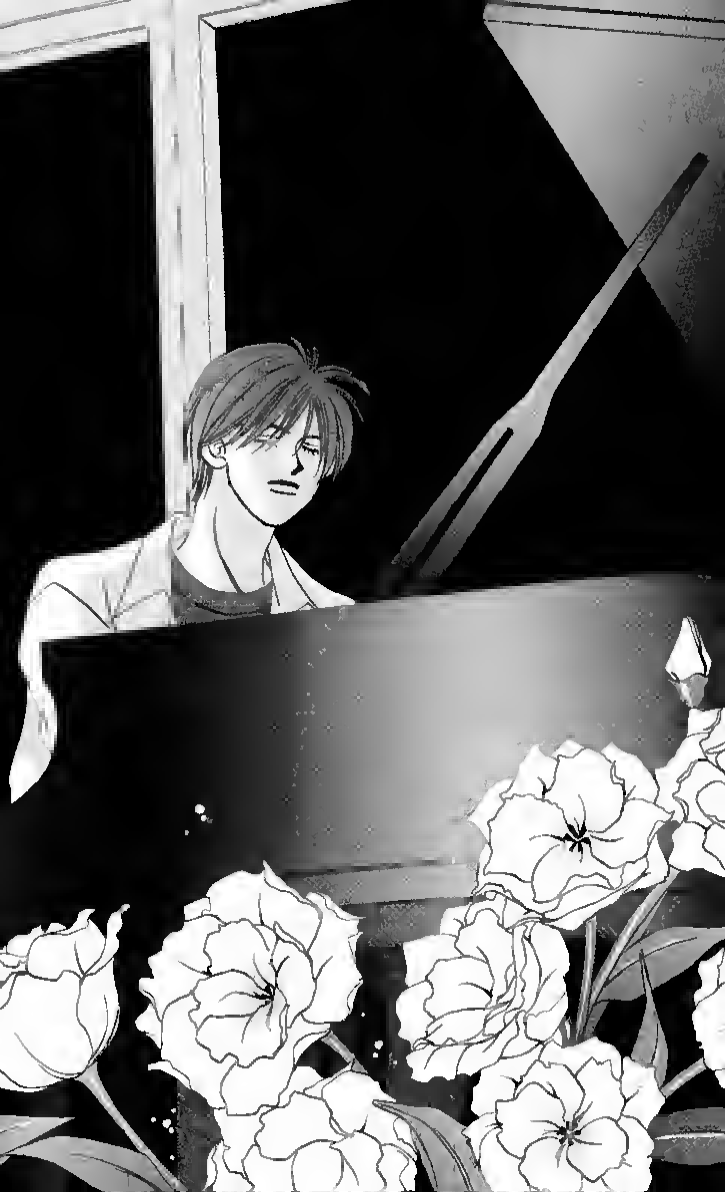
No!

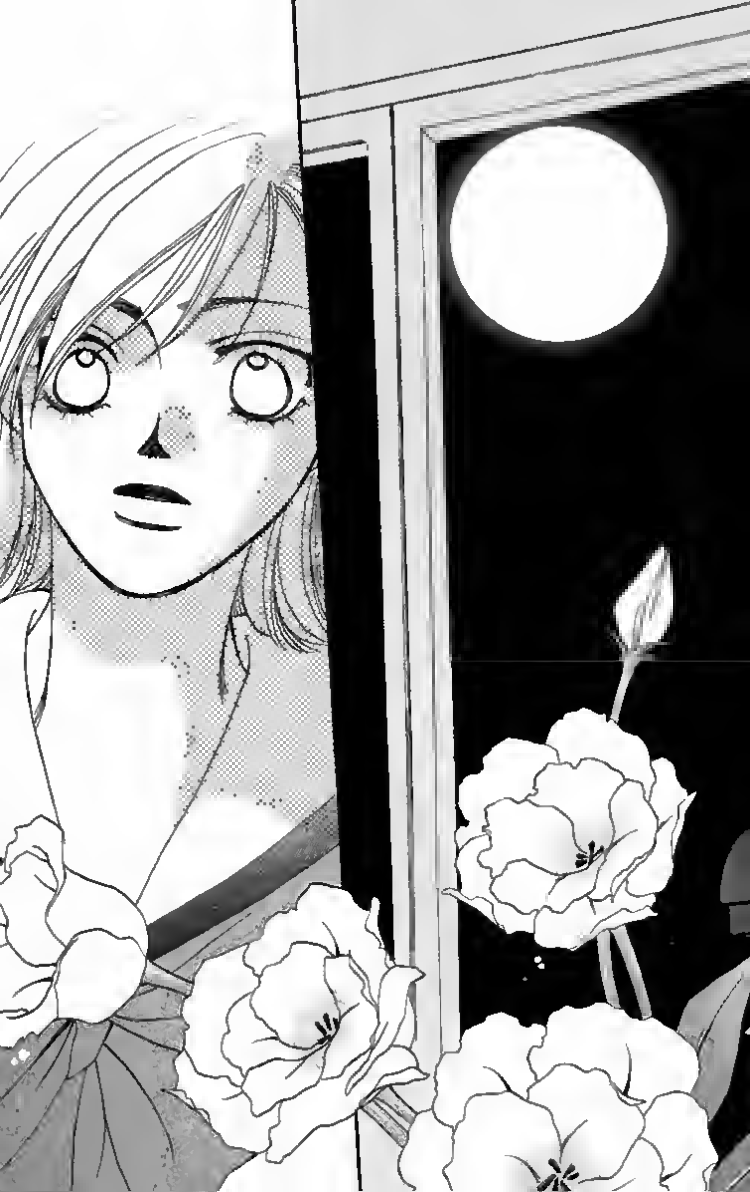
What I want..
isn't this kind of kiss..

What I want...
is that kind of kiss.

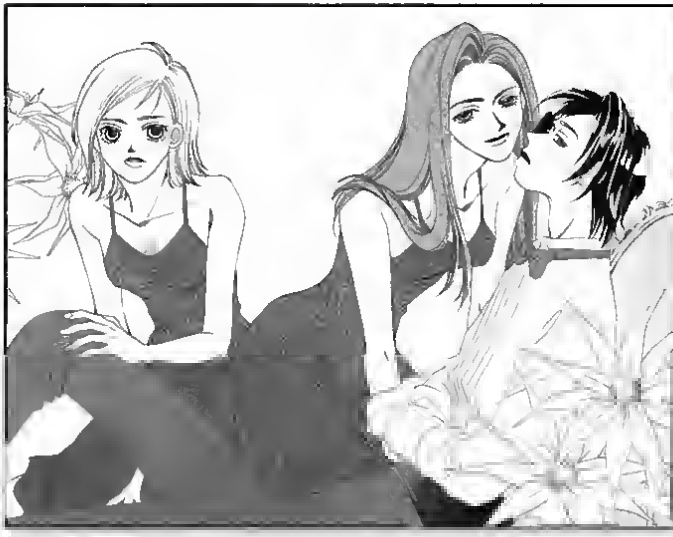

The sound of the piano.

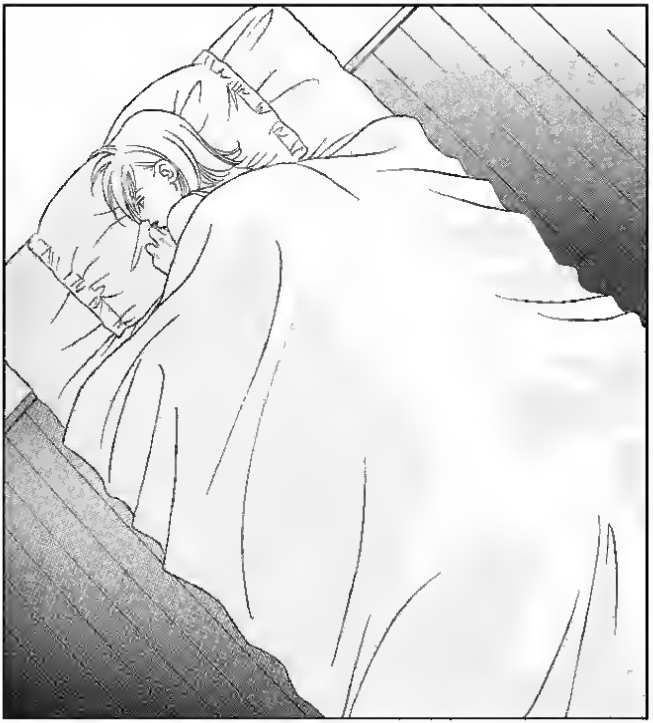

I know this song...
It's the moonlight sonata.





At the time, I couldn't help but sigh...
and wonder why mother's boyfriend has to be so good looking...



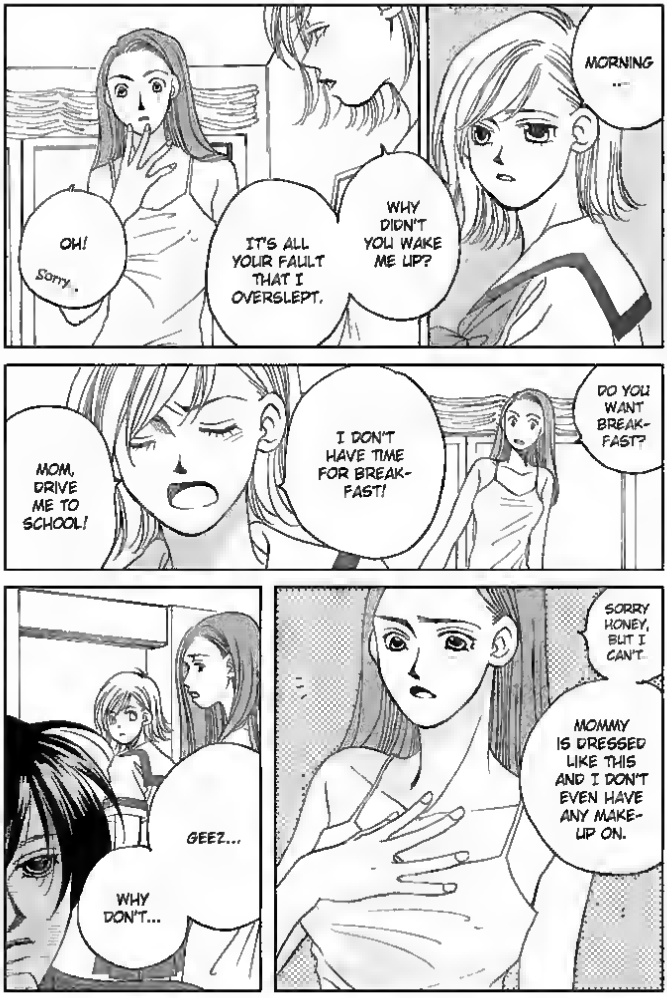


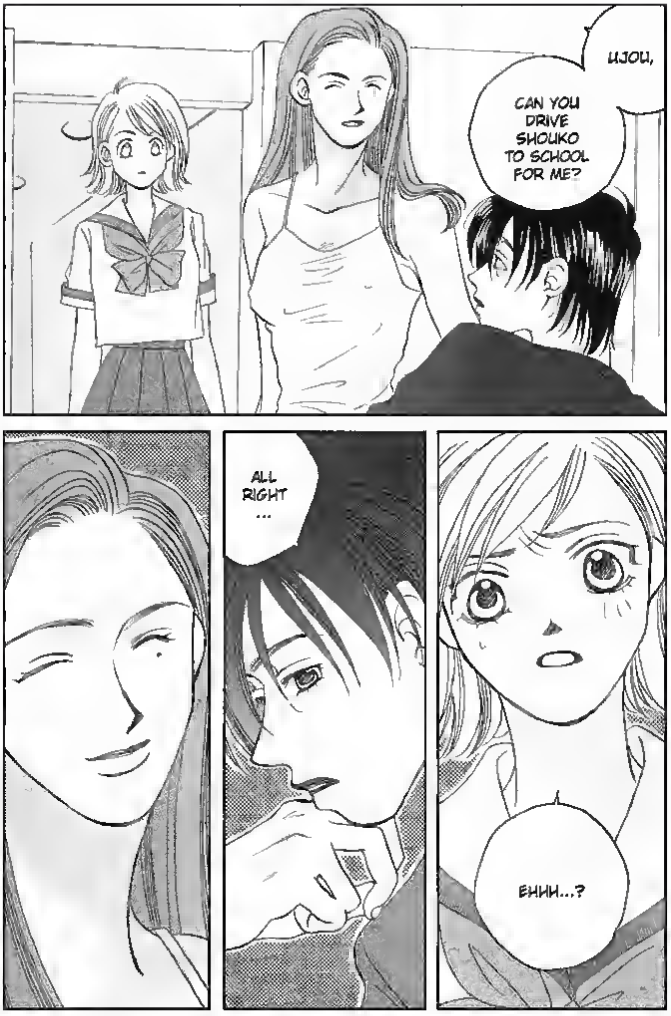
But he would always break off in the middle of them and then start playing this piece over and over again.
Afterwards, Ujou continued to play a couple of melodies
so delicate the sound was to my ears.
The sound of his music underscored with sorrow.
It felt like he seemed unsatisfied with his playing.
He played and played until mother came back home

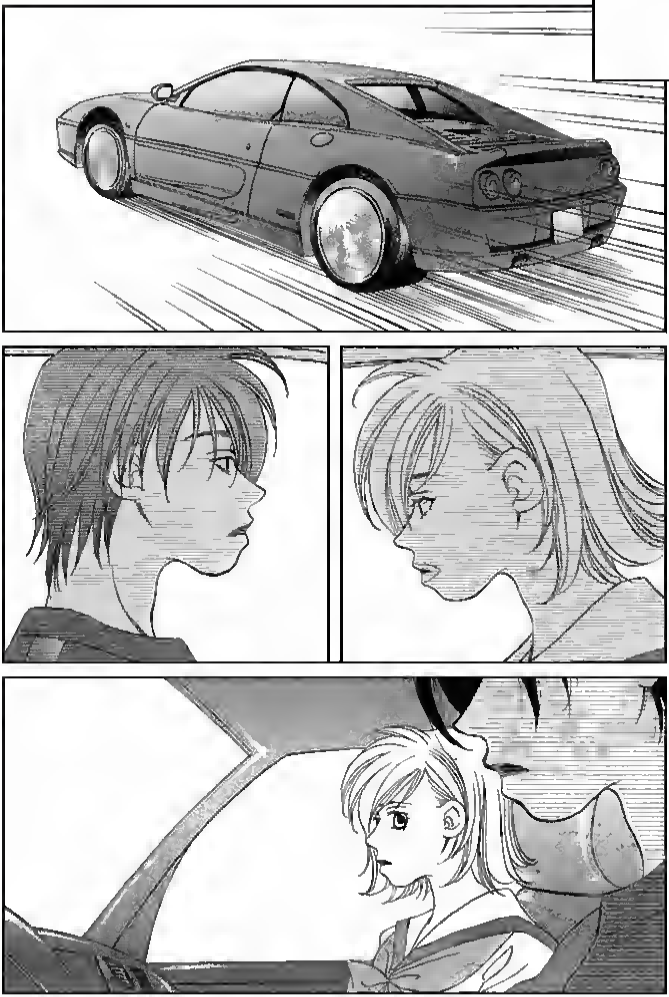
I could feel them seeking out each other in the dark.

Maybe they do love each other...

GOOD MORNING, SHOUKO.
I DIDN'T SLEEP WELL AT ALL LAST NIGHT...


MORNING...
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAKE ME UP?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT THAT I OVERSLEPT.
OH! Sorry.
DO YOU WANT BREAK-FAST?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR BREAK-FAST!
MOM, DRIVE ME TO SCHOOL!
SORRY HONEY, BUT I CAN'T.
MOMMY IS DRESSED LIKE THIS AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY MAKE-UP ON.
GEEZ...
WHY DON'T...


UJOU,
CAN YOU DRIVE SHOUKO TO SCHOOL FOR ME?
ALL RIGHT ...
EHHH...?



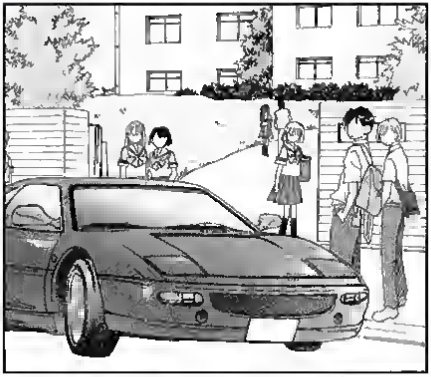
He has beautiful eyes
Uyou...
His long eyelashes,
lips,
fingers...

and face...
are all very good looking.
BABUMP
I'M NOT...
...WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT ME?
I'M NOT STARING AT YOU.

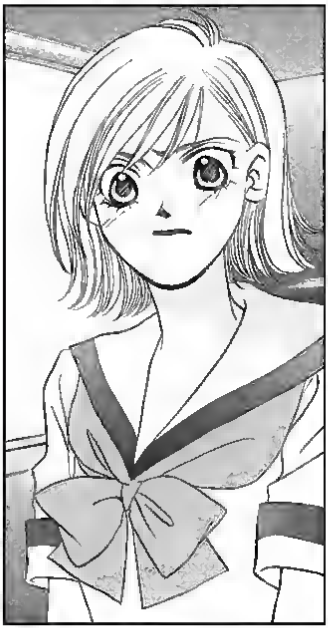
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT?
WHERE DID YOU TWO MEET?
YOU AND MY MOM...
... ...
.....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY AM I ASKING"?
What's with this guy!?
NO REASON
I WAS JUST TRYING TO STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION!
OH, IS THAT SO?

I guess so!?
UGH!
YEAH ...
I GUESS SO.
ARE YOU ...
WITH MY MOM RIGHT NOW?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
JUST WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?

DO YOU REALLY...
LIKE MY MOM!?
ARE YOU REALLY... IN LOVE WITH MY MOM...?
WHAT DOES A KID LIKE YOU...
KNOW ABOUT "LOVE"?



Shake
Screech



WE'RE HERE, MISS.

YOU JERK!
I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT MY MOTHER SEES IN YOU!
FORGET IT. SINCE MY MOTHER ISN'T SERIOUS ABOUT YOU ANYWAY!
YOU JUST BE A GOOD LITTLE BOYTOY FOR MY MOTHER IN THE MEANTIME!

SLAM!

UMI...
MORNING!
HE'S...
YOUR MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND?

HE IS RATHER GOOD LOOKING.
SO.. YOU SAY HE'S IN COLLEGE FOR MUSICAL ART?
OH...
YEAH.
LOSER
JUST BECAUSE HE'S A LITTLE TALENTED AND DECENT LOOKING..
MEN LIKE HIM ARE THE WORST.
THEY'RE COMPLETELY WORTHLESS AND PRETEND THEY KNOW FUCKIN' EVERYTHING.
THEY TREAT WOMEN PITIFUL ENOUGH TO FALL FOR THEIR ACT LIKE DIRT AND TAKE THEM FOR EVERYTHING THEY'RE WORTH.

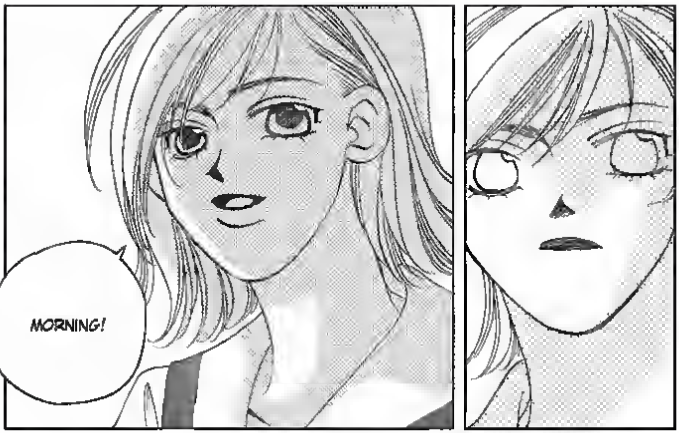
DON'T EVER GET CLOSE...
TO SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
VROOOOM
I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT.
HE'S MY MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND.
WHY WOULD I GET CLOSE TO HIM?

He never looks directly at me
AND ANYWAY... HE'S A TOTAL JERK!
But
I can't help but notice him

SHOUKO SAKURAZAWA!
SEE WHAT?
HEY, DIDJA SEE THIS MORNING?
YEAH, I SAW THAT!
AND IT WAS PARKED RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL TOO. IS SHE SHOWING OFF ON PURPOSE?
SHE CAME IN WITH A TOTALLY COOL CAR TODAY!

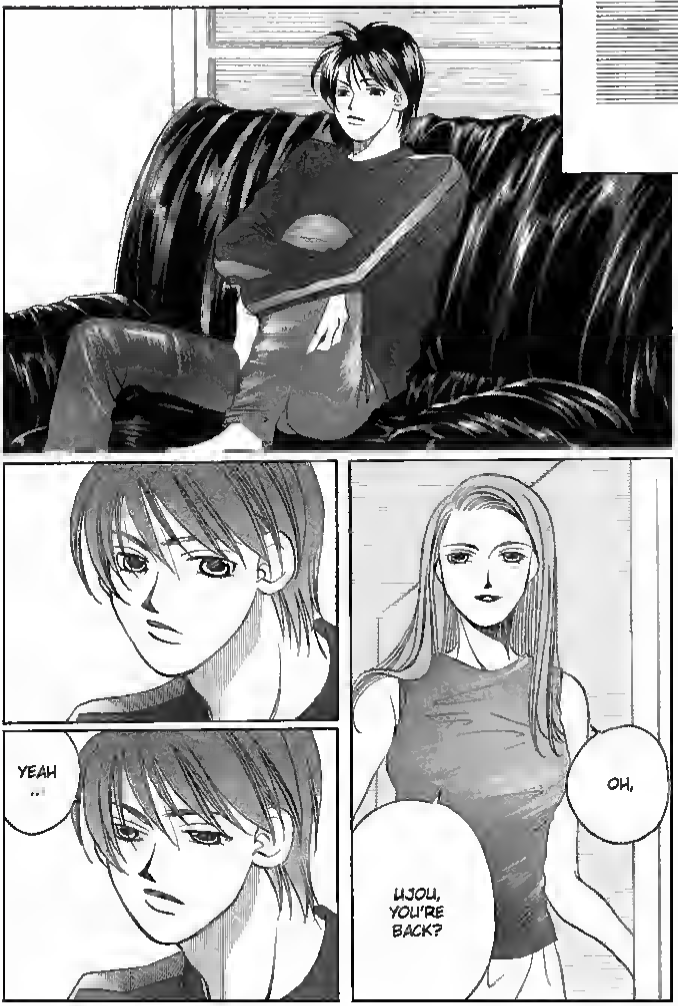
OKAY, WE BETTER STOP.
SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKING DOWN AT EVERYONE LIKE A STUCK UP BITCH.
WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT? SOMEONE SHOULD TEACH HER A LESSON.
SHE THINKS SHE'S HOT SHIT JUST BECAUSE HER MOM'S A HUGE STAR.
Even when I was young, it's always been this way.
I never really did anything to anyone, but still... they thought of me as stuck up...
and the rumors always spread like wildfire.
WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT SOMEONE LIKE HER THINKS?
I'm already used to this kind of whispering behind my back.

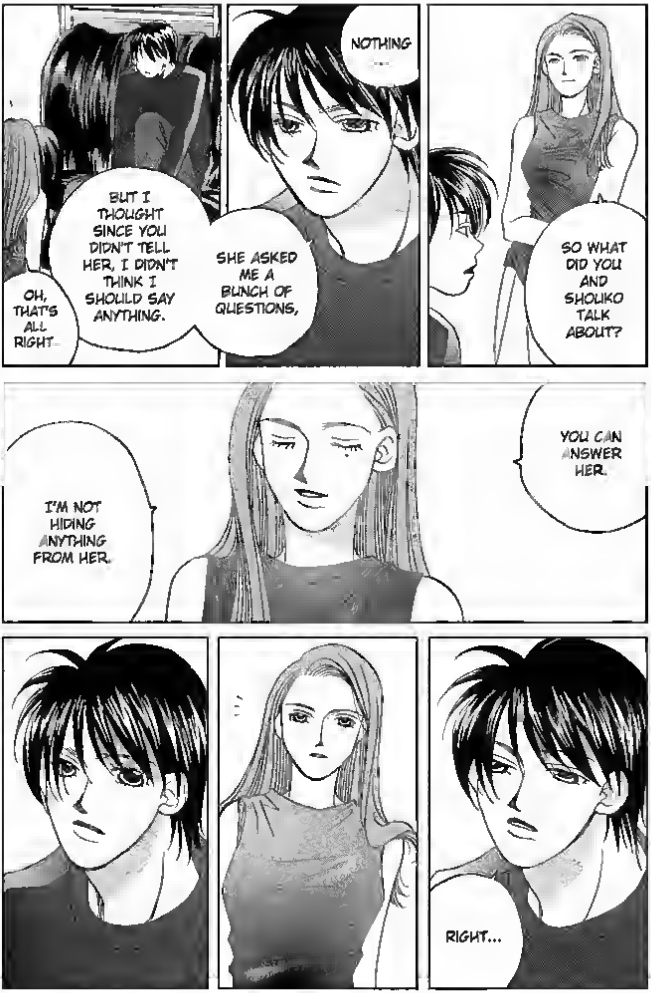
I'm glad I'm not like them.
And...
Plain...
and ordinary ...
GOOD MORNING, SHOUKO ...
That's why... I always thought of myself as special.



That kind of plain and ordinary kiss..

isn't worth my attention.


YEAH ...
OH,
UJOU, YOU'RE BACK?


NOTHING...
SO WHAT DID YOU AND SHOUKO TALK ABOUT?
SHE ASKED ME A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS,
BUT I THOUGHT SINCE YOU DIDN'T TELL HER, I DIDN'T THINK I SHOULD SAY ANYTHING.
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT...
YOU CAN ANSWER HER.
I'M NOT HIDING ANYTHING FROM HER.
RIGHT...

HISAKO-SAN,
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
HOW CUTE.

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

OH...
NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG, SHOUKO?

Looking at these people on the streets
made me realize even more that
I won't be able to find a man...
better than Uyou.
and even air around him is different
Not only in looks...
but his presence

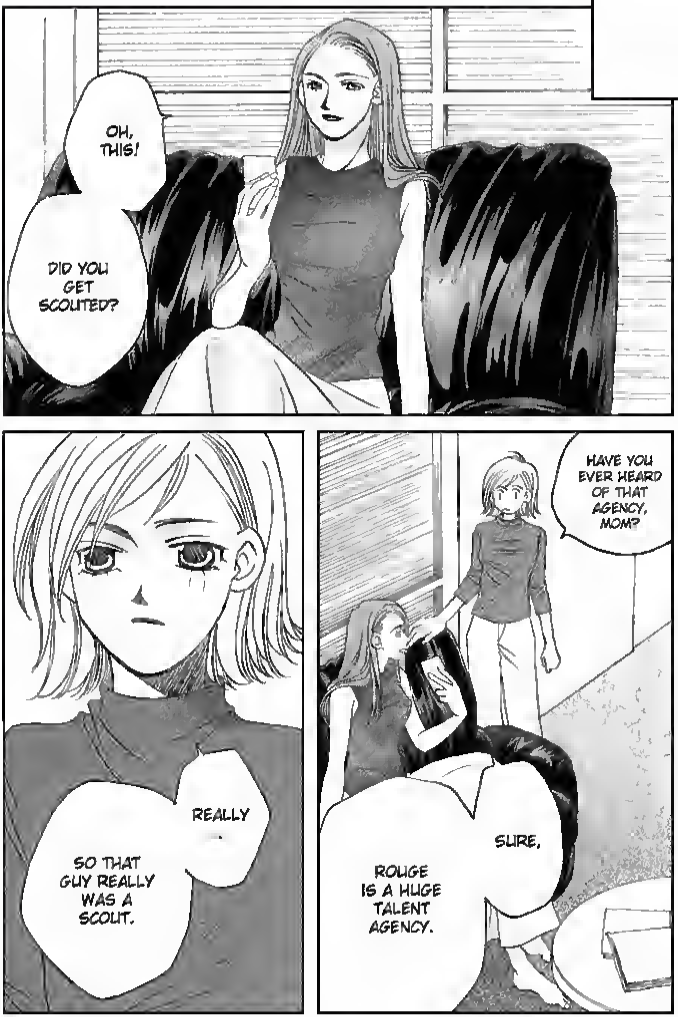
Perhaps
Uou
is that
special
person
EXCUSE ME, MISS...
CAN I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?

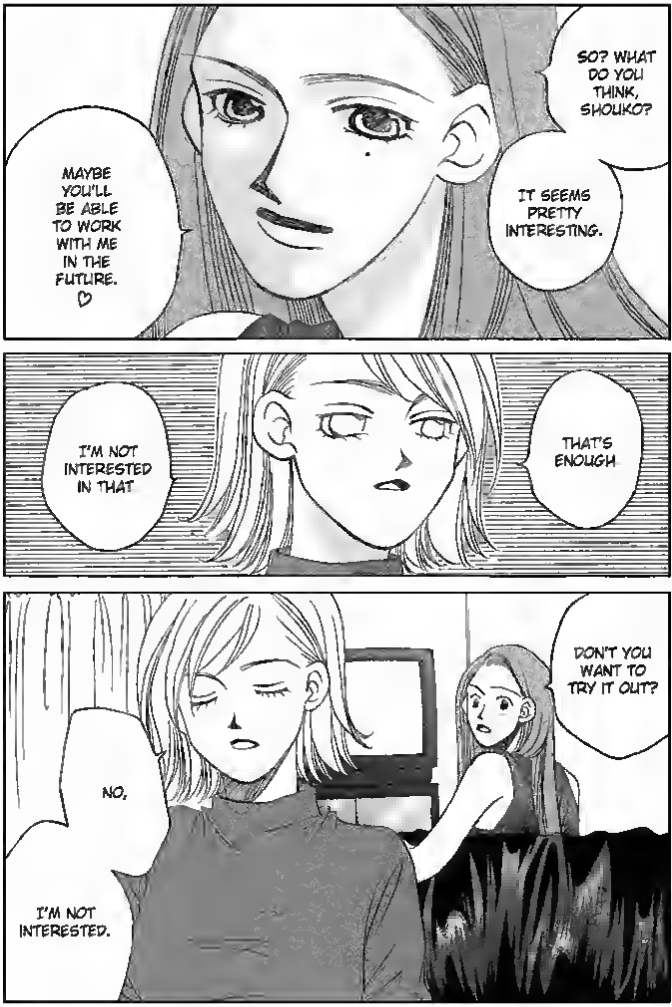
LET'S GO, SHOUKO.
...?
AH, WAIT!
I'M NOT A BAD GUY, I PROMISE.
SORRY FOR STOPPING YOU IN MIDDLE OF THE STREETS.
THIS IS ..
Rouge
Ryuichiro Itou
MY CARD

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN...
PERSUING MODELING OR ACTING WORK?
I WONDER HOW HE'LL REACT IF I TELL HIM I'M HISAKO SAKURA-ZAWA'S DAUGHTER.
INTER-ESTED IN...
EH...?
CAN I ASK YOU...
IF YOU'RE A SCOUT?

.....
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS!
SHOUKO, DON'T GO WITH HIM!
YES,
YOU'RE RIGHT.
ANYONE CAN PRINT UP A CARD AND RANDOMLY HAND IT OUT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF THAT YOU'RE A SCOUT?
HMM... WELL,
YOU CAN TALK TO YOUR PARENTS FIRST TO CHECK IT OUT. HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
WOW... WITH GIRLS LIKE YOU THESE DAYS, I'LL BET NO ONE FALLS FOR CON ARTISTS ANYMORE

AND IF YOU'RE STILL INTERESTED, GIVE ME A CALL ANYTIME.
BYE!
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM.
JUST IGNORE HIM, SHOUKO!
SHOUKO, YOU REALLY WORRY ME SOMETIMES!
THERE'S ALWAYS SOME WEIRDO BOTHERING YOU EVERYTIME WE GO OUT.


OH, THIS!
DID YOU GET SCOUTED?
HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THAT AGENCY, MOM?
SURE,
ROUGE IS A HUGE TALENT AGENCY.
REALLY
SO THAT GUY REALLY WAS A SCOUT.

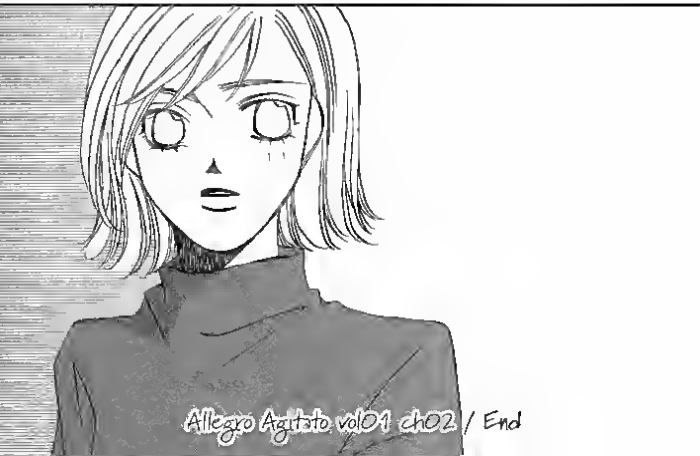

SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK, SHOUKO?
IT SEEMS PRETTY INTERESTING.
MAYBE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH ME IN THE FUTURE. ♡
THAT'S ENOUGH
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT
DON'T YOU WANT TO TRY IT OUT?
NO,
I'M NOT INTERESTED.

GET INTO THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS JUST SO THAT EVERYTIME I GET A NEW BOY-FRIEND, THEY CAN SPLASH MY NAME ALL OVER THE NEWSPAPERS AND CALL IT A SCANDAL? NO THANKS.
HMPH!
AND HERE I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
HOW DOING!
OH, RIGHT!
THEY WANT TO FILM ME SOMEWHERE ELSE, SO I'LL BE OUT OF TOWN FOR THREE DAYS.
EH...?

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY NICE TO U.JOU.
BUT HE'S MY DARLING,
SO PLEASE LEARN TO GET ALONG WITH HIM
BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...
YOU CAN MOVE BACK HOME.
I'M NOT NICE TO HIM...!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S THE ONE WHO...!

At that time

there will only
be the two of us
left together



UJOU...
STARTING FROM TODAY, I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE APARTMENT FOR THREE DAYS.
YOU'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER TO EAT WELL.
I'LL CALL YOU WHENEVER I GET THE TIME TO. ♡
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL...
Treating me just like a kid

SHOUKO ...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER.
WHY ME?
I'M NOT A BABY-SITTER.
EH...?
HISAKO-SAN, YOU REALLY ARE A MOTHER.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT...

ACTUALLY,
YOU THINK OF ME AS ONE OF YOUR KIDS, DON'T YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DON'T BE SILLY! YOU'RE MY BOYFRIEND.
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT...!
THEN, DON'T GIVE ME ANYMORE MONEY.

I'LL WORK FOR MY OWN TUITION ...
AND EVEN IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH, IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE TO PLAY THE PIANO...
IN THE FUTURE,
DON'T PAY FOR MY TUITION AGAIN!

YOU HAVE A TALENT...
YOU SHOULD CHERISH IT.
DON'T THINK SO MUCH, AND JUST CONTINUE TO PLAY YOUR PIANO.
YOU CAN PAY ME BACK WHEN YOU'RE FAMOUS.
I FEEL AS IF...
I'M BEING FORCED ...
TO PLAY THE PIANO...

WHAT!?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALONE WITH HIM!?
BECAUSE THEY WANT TO FILM MY MOM SOMEWHERE ELSE.
WHAT IS YOUR MOM THINKING!?
EVEN THOUGH HE'S HER BOYFRIEND, HOW CAN SHE LET YOU TWO STAY ALONE TOGETHER FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS!?
SHOUKO, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD STAY AT THE APARTMENT.
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME?

HMM...
BUT THE APARTMENT IS CLOSER TO SCHOOL THAN MY HOUSE...
HOW CAN YOU BE THINKING ABOUT THAT NOW!?
WHAT IF HE TRIES TO DO SOME-THING TO YOU!?
YEAH!!
THEN, HIROKI... WHY DON'T YOU STAY OVER WITH ME?

EH!?
STAY OVER WITH YOU...?
I'LL GO!
I'LL DEFINITELY GO!
SHOUKO, I'LL PROTECT YOU!
UMI, YOU COME TOO. ♡
SURE.
Of course I'm coming!
WHAT? UMI'S COMING TOO?
OF COURSE I AM!
Don't even think about it!
sip

DOWNPOUR...
Ryouko...
Silly.
Do you really want to be with me?
Do you really... like me?
That's what I like about you...

Ryouko!
I'M HOME!

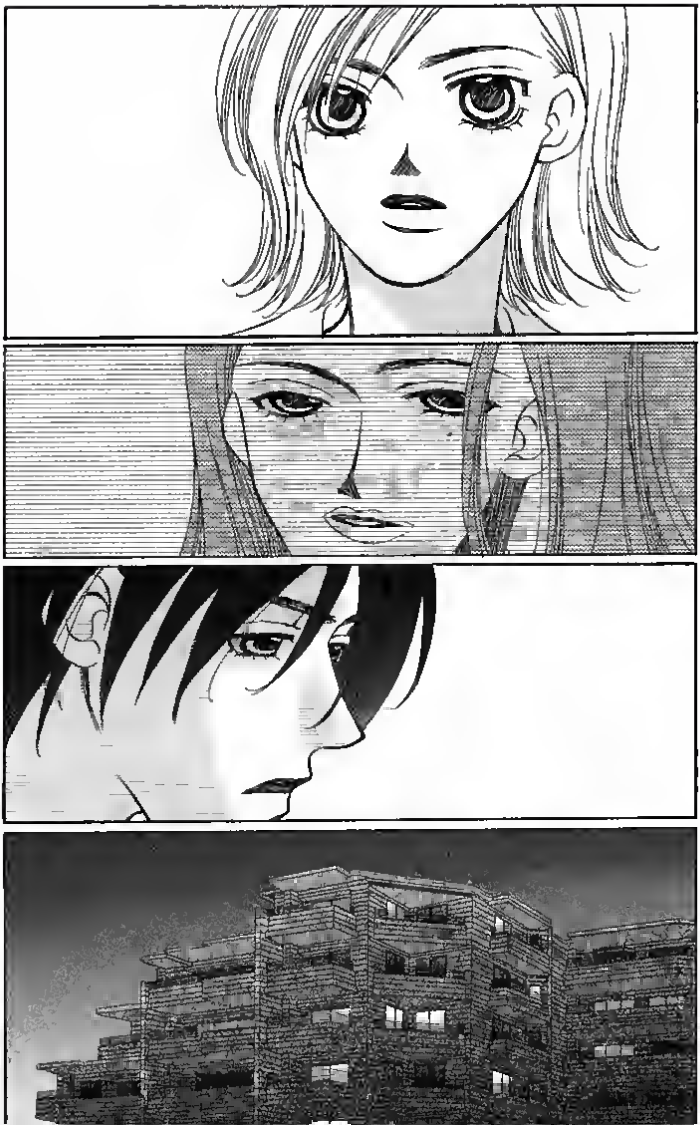
HMM.
HI
SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.

NO.
I'VE BOUGHT SUSHI...
WANT SOME?
I'll trade you my salmon.
THEN I'LL EAT IT.
I HATE SEA URCHIN.
OH RIGHT, MR. AMAHARA ...
I HEAR YOU'RE IN THE COLLEGE OF MUSICAL ARTS?

AND YOU'VE GOT A MOVIE STAR GIRLFRIEND TOO.
BECAUSE THE TUITION THERE IS EXPENSIVE, ISN'T IT?
THEN YOUR FAMILY MUST BE REALLY RICH...?
I'M NOT THE ONE PAYING FOR THE TUITION.

MY TUITION...
IS ALL BEING PAID BY HISAKO-SAN.
SO YOU'RE NOT HER BOY-FRIEND...
WHAT ...?

THAT'S RIGHT, I'M A GOLD DIGGER.
JUST SOME GOLD DIGGER?
I'M HISAKO-SAN'S SPOON-FED ...
GOLD DIGGER.



OH!
YES, MY NAME IS ITOU.
YOU'RE THE ONE FROM LAST TIME...
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL LIKE THIS ...
BUT I RECOG-NIZED YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM ...
AH...

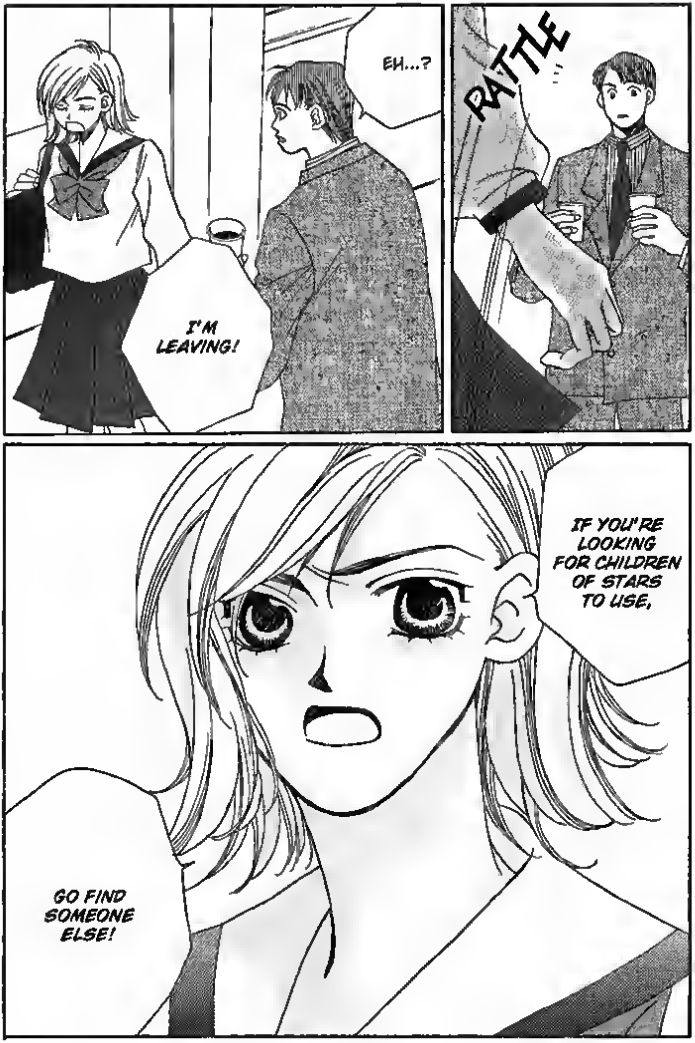
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE CONSIDERED WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT BEFORE...
BUT IF IT'S POSSIBLE,
DO YOU THINK I COULD TRY TO CONVINCE YOU AT MY COMPANY?
...
YOU'RE REALLY ANNOYING!
YOU WON'T GO, RIGHT? SHOUKO!
I...

SHOUKO!
IF ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN, THEN IT'S FINE.
I'LL GO!
WAIT...
SHOUKO!
THAT'S GREAT!
LET'S GO THEN.
OKAY.
I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW, UMI.

PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
I'LL GET YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK.
IS COFFEE OKAY?
OH... IT'S FINE.

SO...
THIS IS WHAT A TALENT AGENCY LOOKS LIKE.
OH, YOU'VE GOT A GUEST?
EH?
But I'm here...
This isn't somewhere anyone can come.
HEY!
YOU'RE THAT...
SAKURAZAWA...

YOUR NAME IS UM... UH...
YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
OF COURSE.
THE TIME THAT YOU GOT INTERVIEWED BY THOSE REPORT-ERS?
YOU'RE SAKURAZAWA-SAN'S...
DAUGHTER.
AFTER WE SAW IT,
WE THOUGHT, "HEY, THAT'S HISAKO SAKURAZAWA'S DAUGHTER! IF WE GET HER, SHE'D DEFINITELY BE FAMOUS!"


EH...?
I'M LEAVING!
RATTLE
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CHILDREN OF STARS TO USE,
GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE!

EH...?
HEY, DON'T GO...!
"SHE THINKS SHE'S HOT SHIT JUST BECAUSE HER MOM IS A HUGE STAR."
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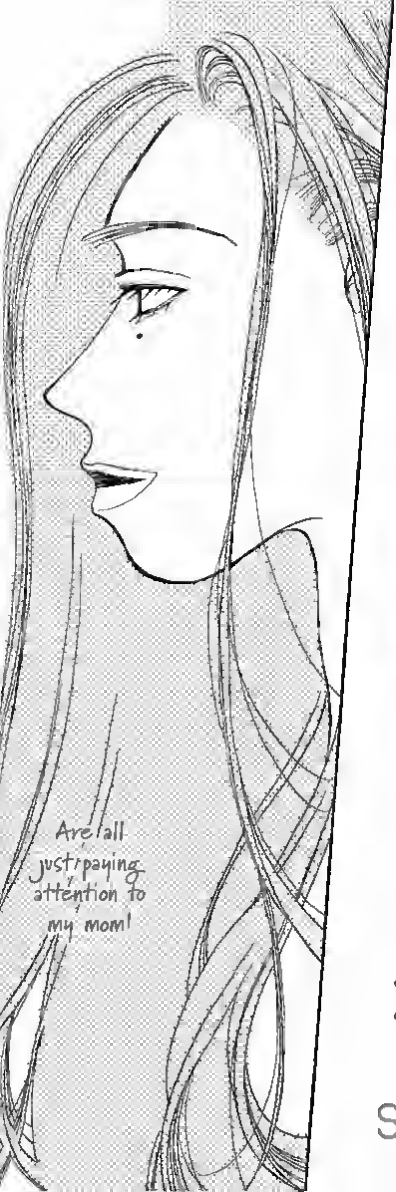

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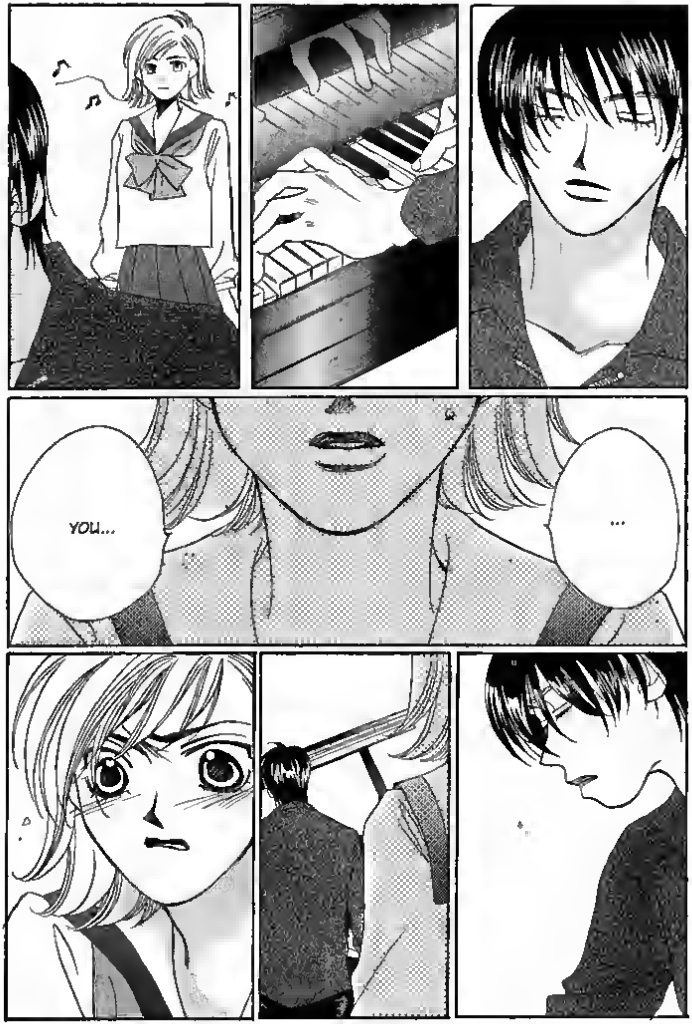
CREAK...


YOU...
...

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ALL OF YOU...
ARE JUST PAYING ATTENTION TO MY MOM!
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK AT ME...!?
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
YOU'RE JUST SOME GOLD DIGGER MY MOTHER BOUGHT WITH HER MONEY!!

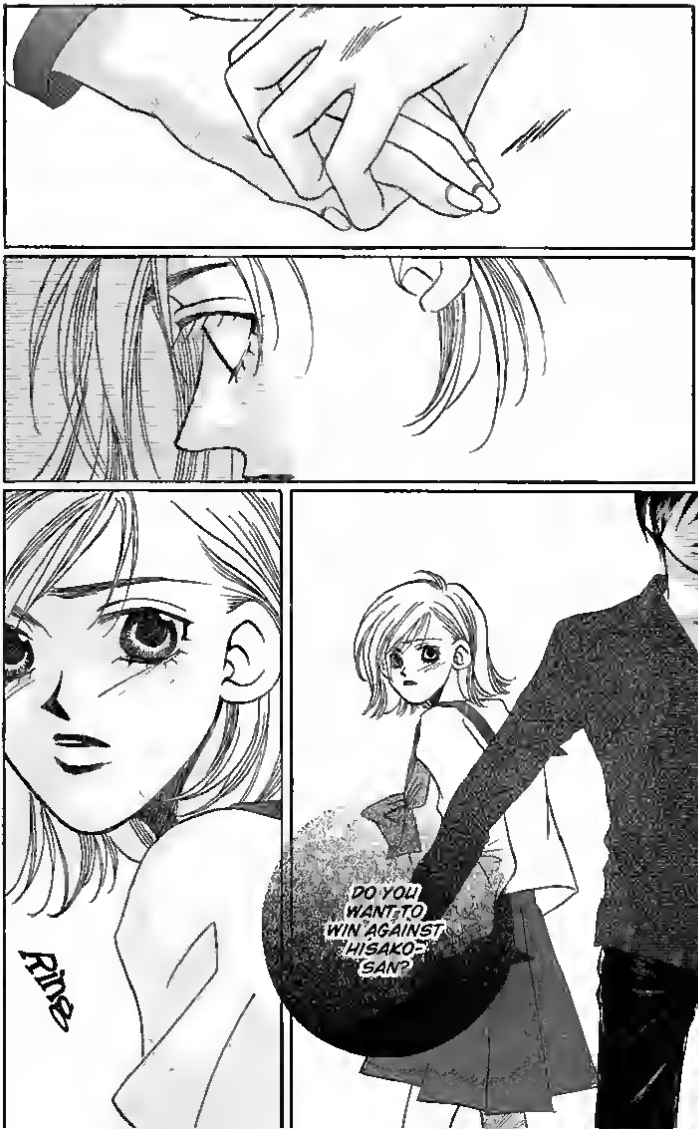
LOOK AT ME!
I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT ME! DO YOU HEAR ME!?

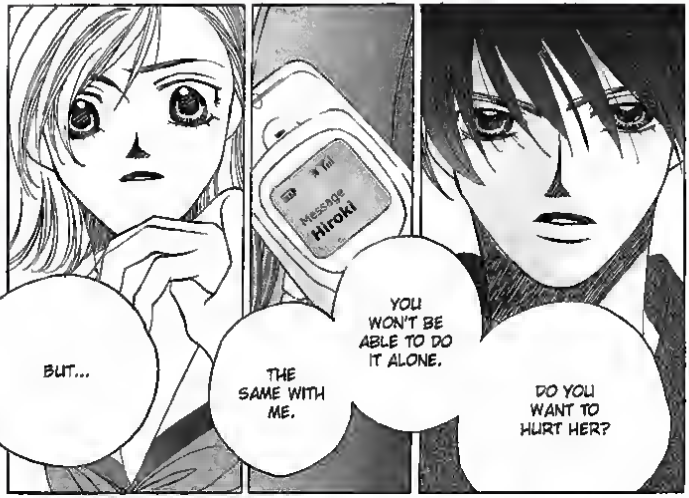
If I could make this person turn around and look at me...
If...

Then I'd
win against my
mother!

Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring

Such cold eyes.
He's...
He's not looking at me at all...!
BLUUSHH
DASH
Ahhh


DO YOU WANT TO WIN AGAINST HISAKO-SAN?
Rine


Message
Hiroki
BUT...
THE SAME WITH ME.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ALONE.
DO YOU WANT TO HURT HER?

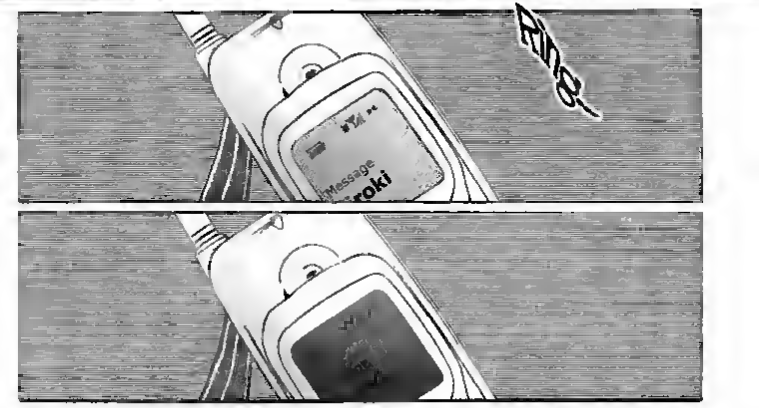
YOU AND I, TOGETHER ...
WE CAN DEFINITELY HURT HER.

Rine
Rine
Why?
Rine

This man...
Why does he want to hurt my mother?
I really don't understand.
His eyes are so dark... a deep bottomless black.
I'm so scared!
But..

I want to steal him from the hands of my mother...!
I want my mother's lover!
I want him!

I felt deep within me...
This wish...
That I had ever since the first time I saw him.


RING-
Message
roki

My first time was filled with pain, almost like being burnt by fire. It was different than what I expected.

This is so annoying.
Even walking hurts.
If I knew, I would have cut class.

SHOUKO!
I CALLED YOUR CELL PHONE YESTERDAY, BUT YOU DIDN'T PICK UP.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG?
I WANT TO LEAVE EARLY.
SO WHAT IF I DIDN'T PICK UP... I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING ..
NOT AGAIN...

...
HUH...?
EVERY GIRL'S FIRST TIME HURTS, THAT'S WHY I WANT TO LEAVE EARLY.
IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY ...
WITH MY MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND.

YOU'RE LYING, RIGHT? HEY!
SHOUKO...?
WAIT A SECOND!
DON'T TOUCH SHOUKO!

EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED!
GIVE ME A BREAK!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO GO NEAR THAT MAN!?
SHOUKO!
WAS WHAT YOU JUST SAID TRUE?
WHAT IS THERE TO EXPLAIN ABOUT A SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD HAVING SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME!?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHAT I DO...!

...
SHOUKO!
YOU WEREN'T LIKE THIS BEFORE...
YOU HAVE BEEN REALLY WEIRD LATELY!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU!?
YESTER-DAY TOO! YOU AGREED TO GO WITH THAT GUY SO EASILY...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER-WARDS?
NOTH-ING HAP-PENED!
AND EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENED... SO WHAT !?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
BUT IF ANYTHING IS HAPPENING ...
SHOUKO!

Mother will be coming back tomorrow.
Before she returns.
...It's within my heart.

I want Ujou to belong to me!

WE'VE DIRTIED...
MY MOTHER'S BED.
DAMN...
IT STILL DOESN'T FEEL GOOD ...
UJOU,
HOW OLD WERE YOU FOR YOUR FIRST TIME?
THIRTEEN...
MY THIRTY YEARS OLD PIANO TEACHER FORCED HERSELF ON ME.

I WAS REALLY AFRAID AT THE TIME ...
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, IT WAS AN EVEN MORE SCARY EXPERIENCE THAN I THOUGHT IT WAS.
HAHAHA!
What is so funny?
I GUESS...
SO YOU WERE A LADYKILLER FROM THE START?
UJOU, YOU SEEM LIKE THE KIND OF GUY WHO'S LEFT A TRAIL OF BROKEN HEARTS BEHIND YOU.
IT WASN'T MY FAULT ...
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO TRIED TO COME CLOSER AND HURT THEMSELVES.
I CAN SWEAR ...
I'VE NEVER ASKED A WOMAN OUT BEFORE
THAT UP UNTIL NOW...

HUH...
BUT I GUESS THAT'S THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT ME.
THAT'S NOTHING FOR ME TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.
I THINK..
THAT YOU'RE THE KIND OF MAN THAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO POSSESS.
WHAT ABOUT THE PIANO THEN?
"ONLY GOOD THING"?

...?
UJOU?
THIS TIME ..
DO YOU WANT TO TRY A NEW PO-SITION?
UJOU...
WHAT ABOUT THE PIANO..?
HMM...

Ujou..
AH...!
is by my side
.....!

He was the one who said that.
"You and I, together.. we can hurt her."
Even though mother is the hand that feeds him
He hates her.

SHOULD WE KEEP THIS FROM HER?
T-THEN...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...?
SHE'LL FIND OUT ANYWAY ...
HAA..
MY MOTHER IS COMING BACK TOMORROW ...
NOTHING.

Mother..

I've won.

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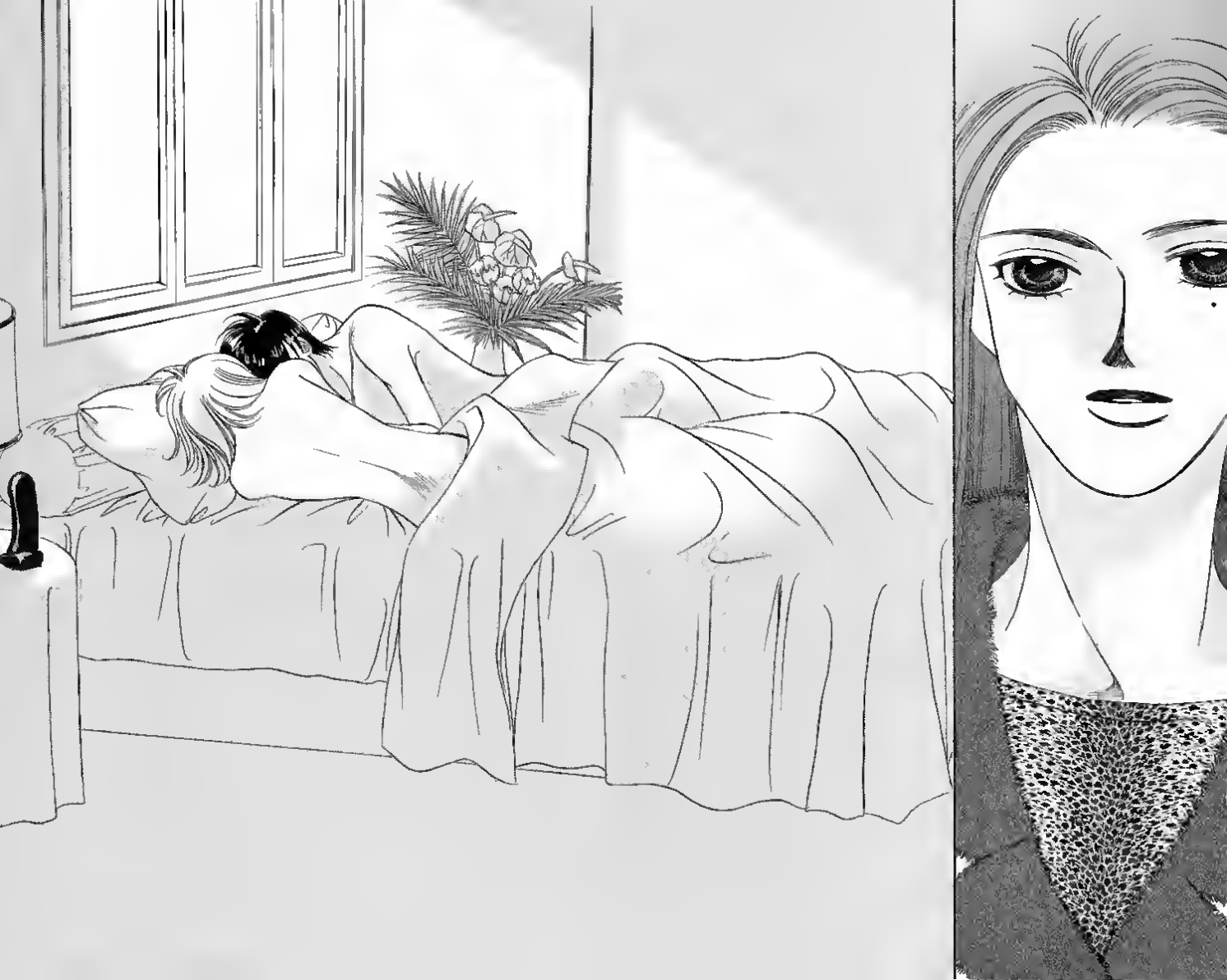
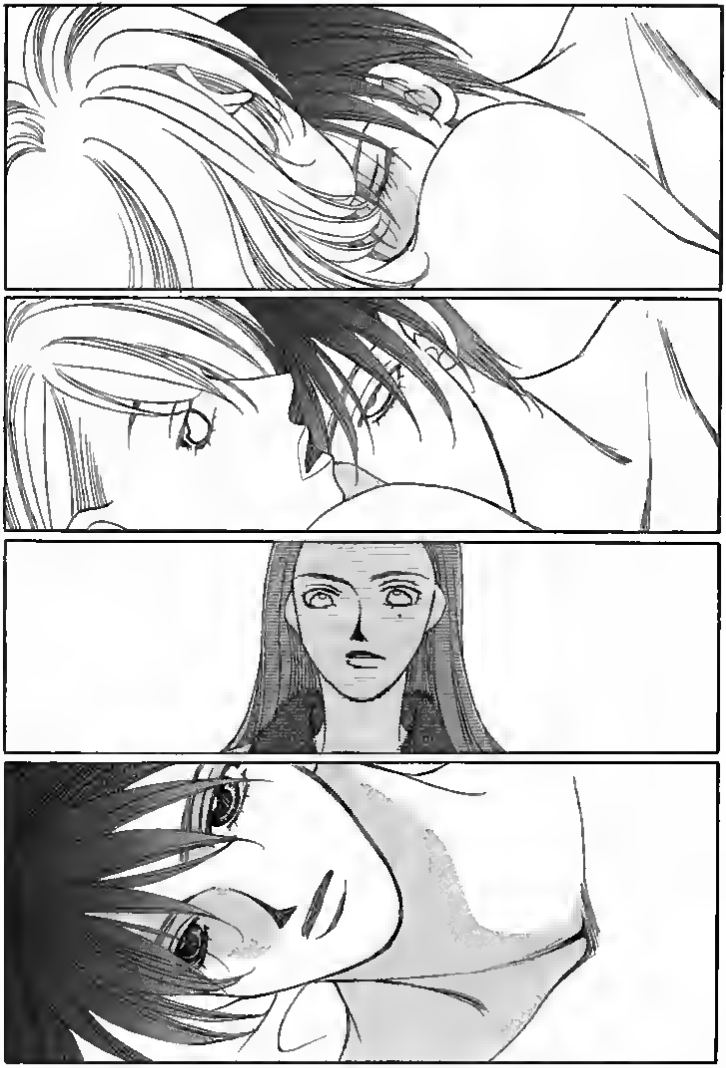
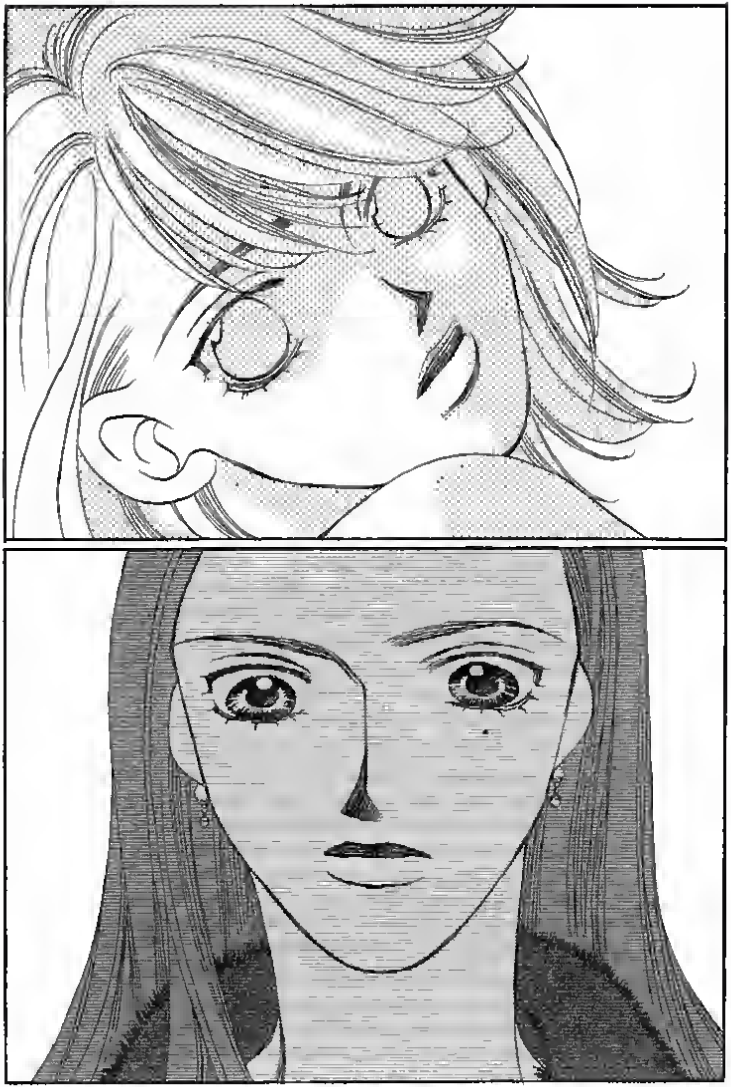
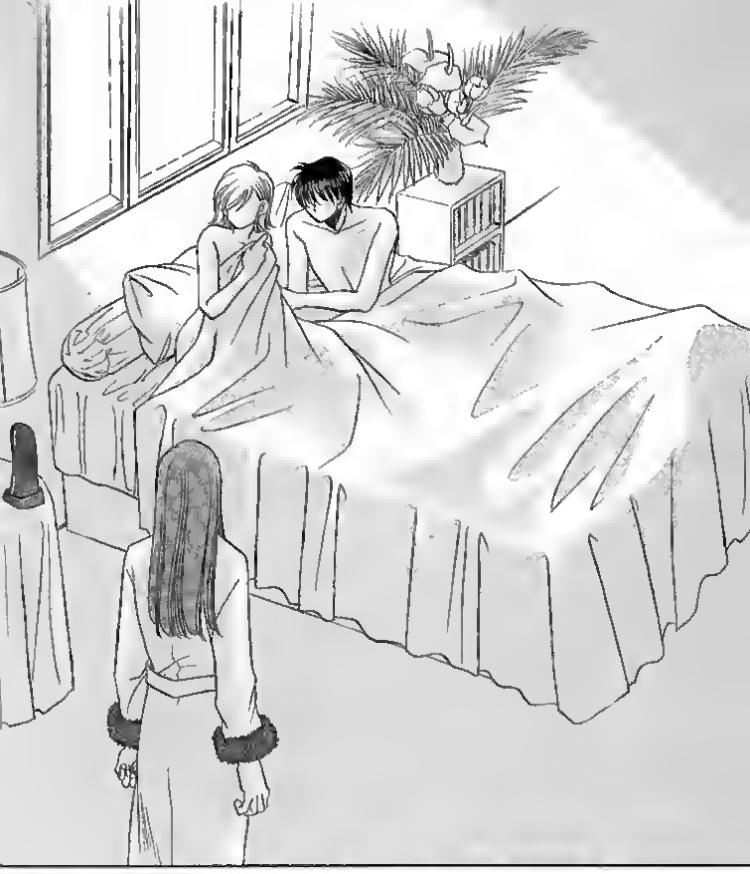
I'M HOME!

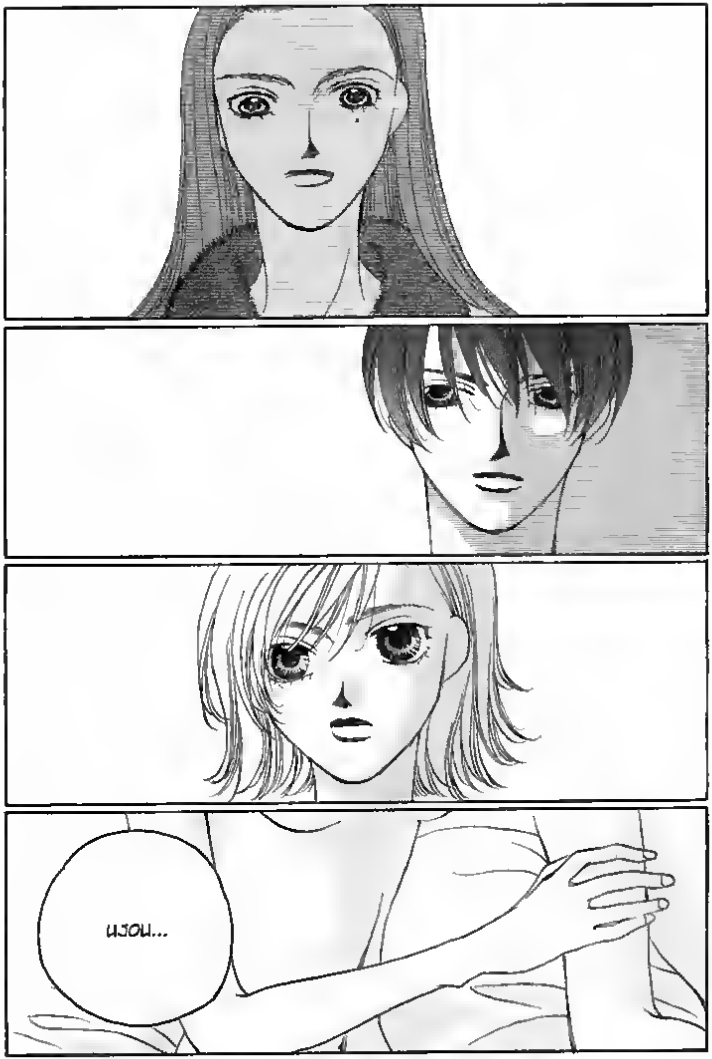
UJOU...?
SHOUKO!
DID THEY GO OUT?
OH, WELL.





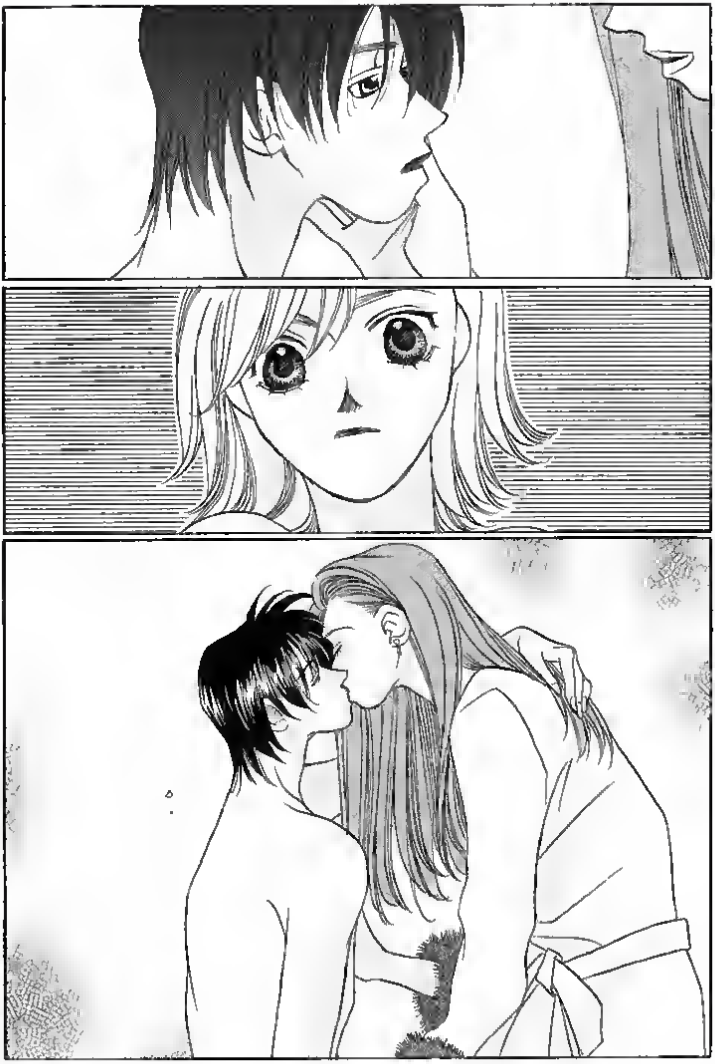





uuou...

TELL MY MOM THE TRUTH...
ABOUT THE TWO OF US...
I...

Hee!
SILLY,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. I CAN TELL WHAT'S GOING ON JUST BY LOOKING
COME,
UJOU...
GIVE ME A WELCOME BACK KISS.



HERE,
PUT ON SOME CLOTHES FIRST.
WHAT?
DID YOU THINK...
JUST BECAUSE YOU SLEPT WITH HIM ONCE OR TWICE...
HE'D BECOME YOUR BOYFRIEND?

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

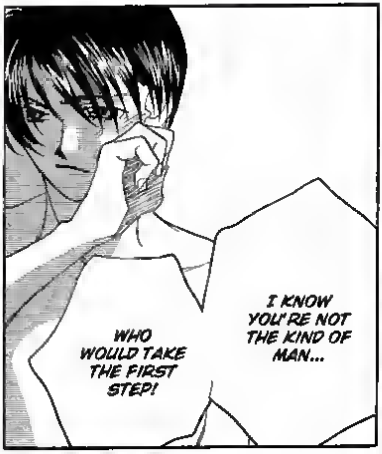
IM-
PRES-
SIVE...
YOU
DIDN'T SKIP
A BEAT.
I WANTED
TO SEE HOW
YOU WOULD
REACT...
BECAUSE I
THOUGHT SHE
WAS THE PERSON
YOU HATED THE
MOST...

BO
FF
HISAKO-SAN...
GRAB
SMASH

HISAKO-
SAN!
SFX: "WHAM"

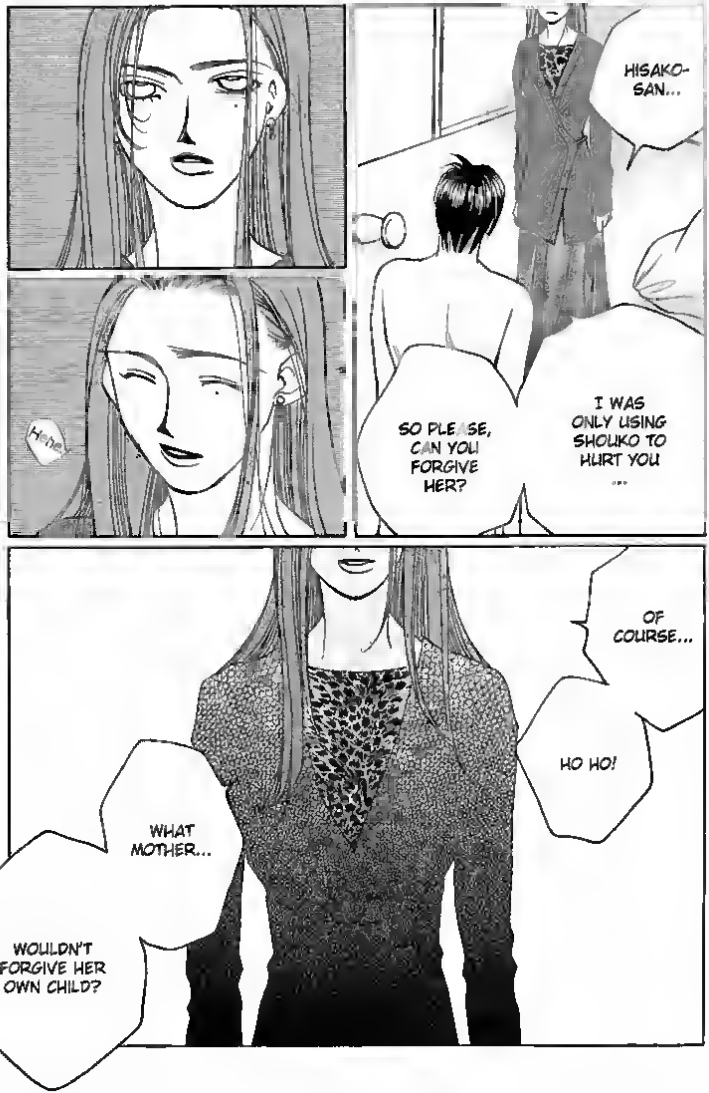
I...
I...
I'M SORRY...!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT HURTING YOU.
I'M ALWAYS SO HELPLESS BEFORE YOU...
AND YOU'RE ALWAYS SUP-PORTING ME, FORCING ME TO PLAY THE PIANO...
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO REBEL AGAINST IT ALL...

...
ME...
WHO STARTED IT...?
SLAP


I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE KIND OF MAN...
WHO WOULD TAKE THE FIRST STEP!

WHY ARE YOU PROTECTING SHOUKO!?
WHY?
WHY...!?

WHY ARE YOU LYING!?


HISAKO-SAN...
I WAS ONLY USING SHOUKO TO HURT YOU ...
SO PLEASE, CAN YOU FORGIVE HER?
Hehe
OF COURSE...
HO HO!
WHAT MOTHER...
WOULDN'T FORGIVE HER OWN CHILD?

CLICK
I'M COMING ...
DING DONG
SHOUKO?

IT'S NOT FAIR...!
I WAS LIKE AN IDIOT ALONE!
... ALONE...
ALL ALONE...

SHOUKO...
DID THAT MAN... DO SOMETHING TO HURT YOU?
THAT'S WHY I WARNED YOU NOT TO GO NEAR HIM.

WHO TOLD YOU TO GO FOR YOUR MOM'S BOY-FRIEND?
SHE'S A FAMOUS STAR,
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY WIN AGAINST HER?
I DON'T...
WANT THIS...

I DON'T WANT THIS!
IF I ALWAYS LOSE TO MY MOTHER,
NO ONE WILL EVER NOTICE ME!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO CRY...
I...

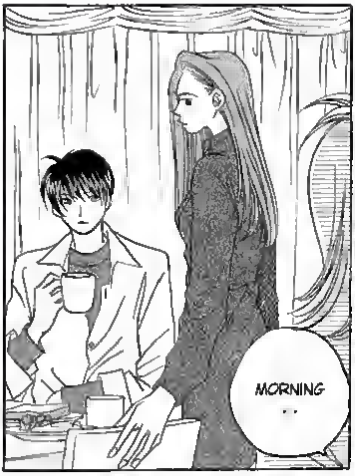
YOU PLAY REALLY BEAUTIFULLY.

I'VE ALWAYS PLAYED BEAUTIFULLY.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.
I CAN GIVE UP PLAYING THE PIANO ANYTIME...
I DON'T REALLY LIKE PLAYING THE PIANO ANYWAYS.
I CAN UNDERSTAND ...
HOW YOU FEEL.

I CAN UNDERSTAND ...
WHY YOU WANTED TO BETRAY MY MOTHER.
SHE'S HIGH ABOVE ON A PEDESTAL ...
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, SUCCESS-FUL...
AND ABSOLUTELY PERFECT.

I USED TO FEEL PROUD TO HAVE HER AS MY MOTHER.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
I HATED HER!
NOW I CAN'T STAND HER PERFECT LITTLE PRESENCE.

I WANT TO BREAK FREE OF THIS PLACE WHERE THERE'S ONLY "HISAKO SAKURAZAWA"!
I WANT TO ESCAPE FROM HER...
AND MAKE EVERYONE ACKNOWLEDGE MY EXISTENCE!


MORNING
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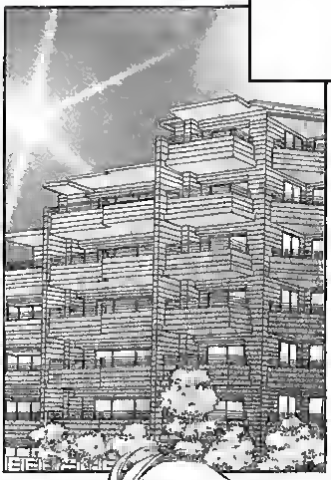
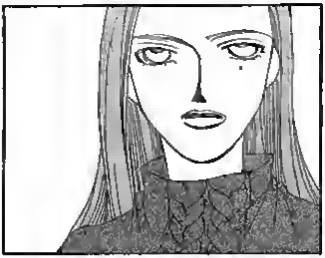
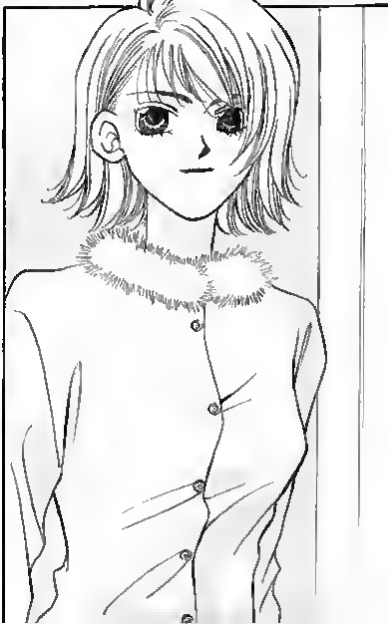
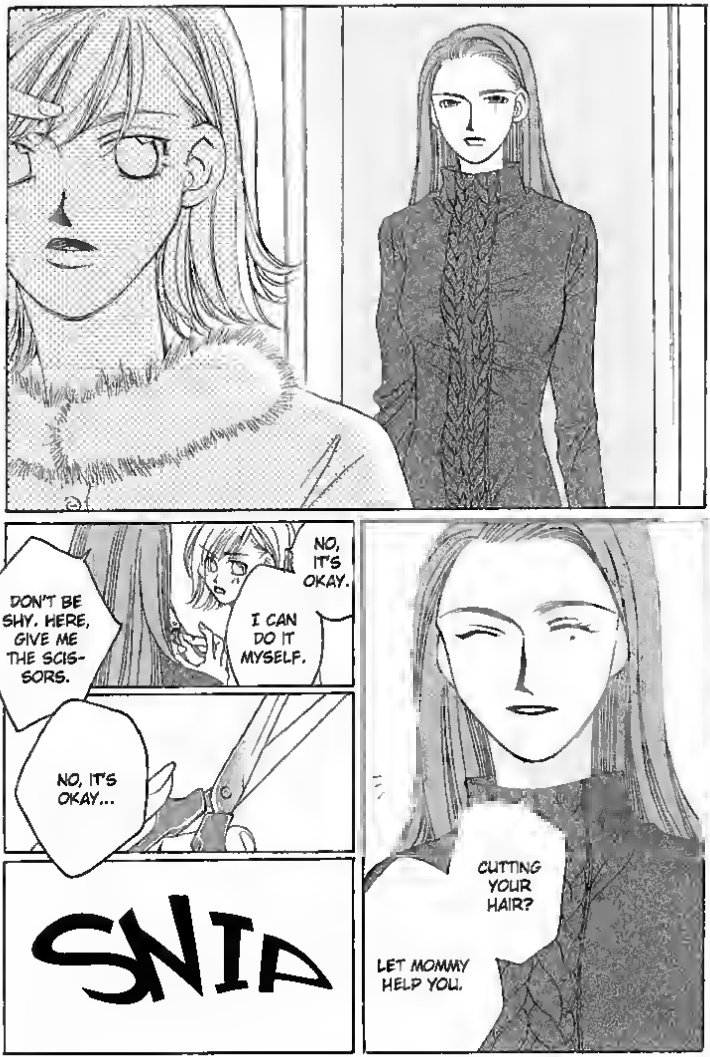
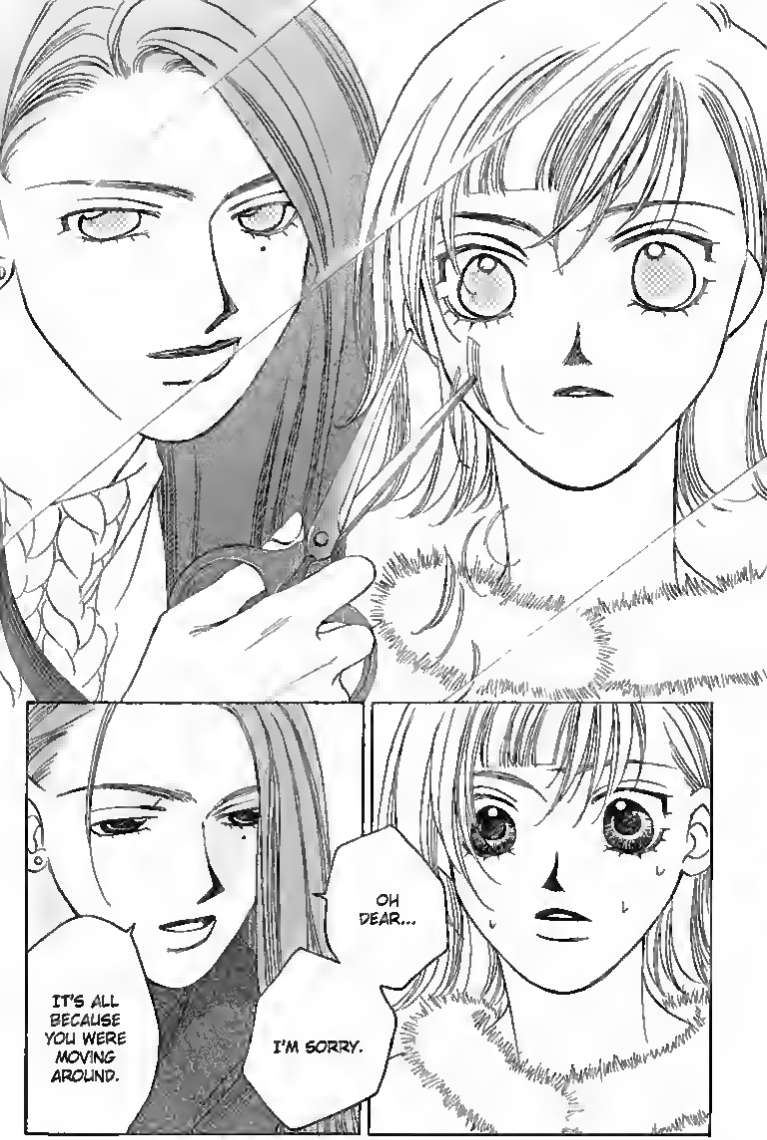






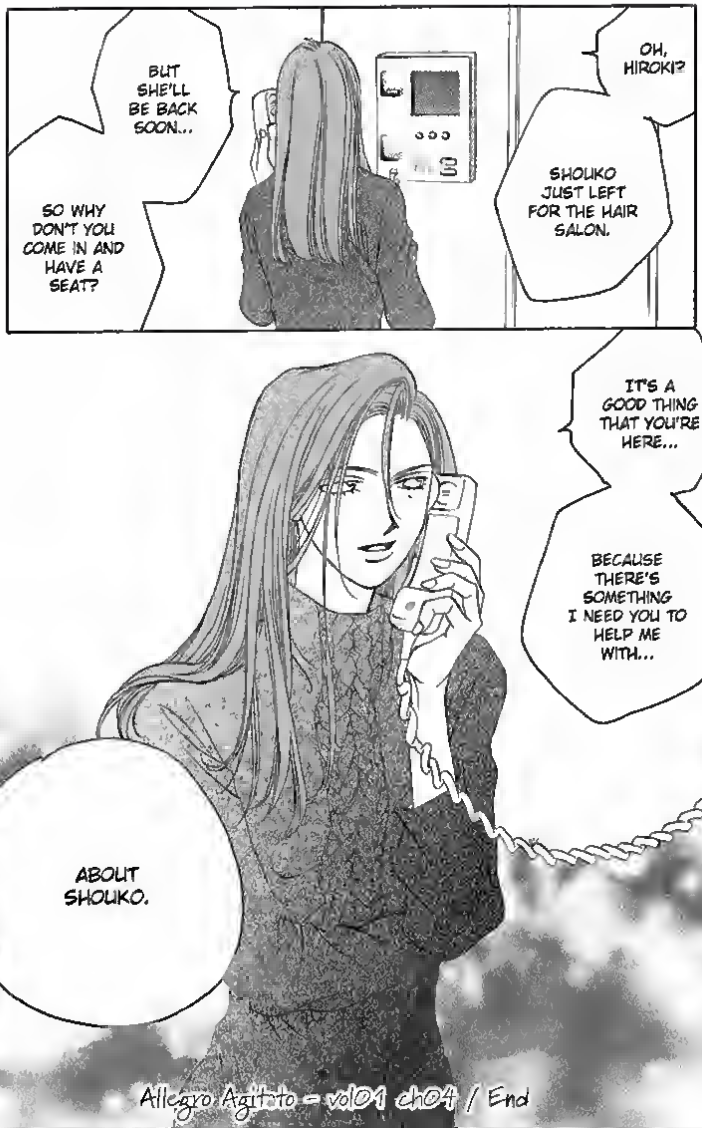
GOOD MORNING.
MY BANGS ARE TOO LONG...
I GUESS I SHOULD TRIM THEM
CREAK


LET MOMMY HELP YOU.
CUTTING YOUR HAIR?
SNIP
NO, IT'S OKAY...
DON'T BE SHY. HERE, GIVE ME THE SCISSORS.
I CAN DO IT MYSELF.
NO, IT'S OKAY.


IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU WERE MOVING AROUND.
I'M SORRY.
OH DEAR...

At that moment, I had a feeling...

MOTHER IS...
DING DONG
DING DONG
BZZT
Hello?
MY ENEMY NOW!


OH, HIROKI?
SHOUKO JUST LEFT FOR THE HAIR SALON.
BUT SHE'LL BE BACK SOON...
SO WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT?
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOU'RE HERE...
BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED YOU TO HELP ME WITH...
ABOUT SHOUKO.